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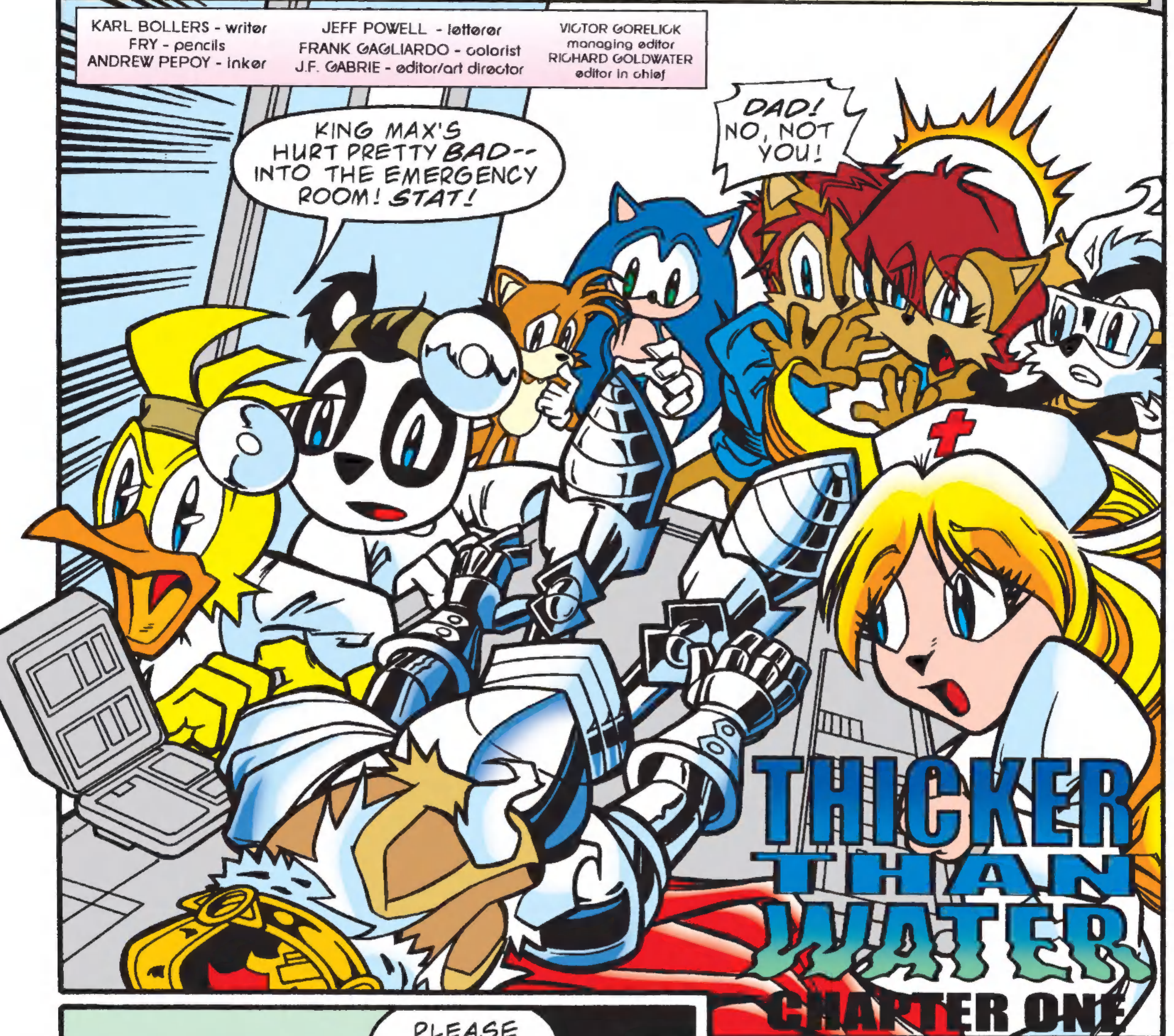


After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

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...I TRUSTED YOU TO PROTECT HIM. WHAT WENT WRONG?

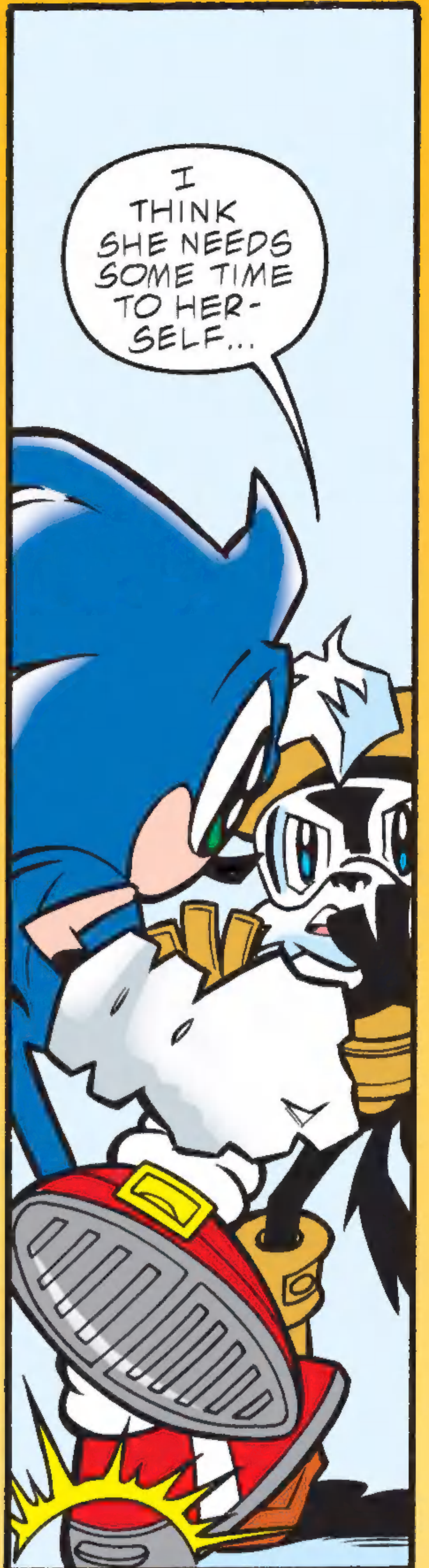


PRINCESS SALLY... SONIC HAD NO CHOICE OTHER THAN TO LEAVE THE KING'S SIDE--

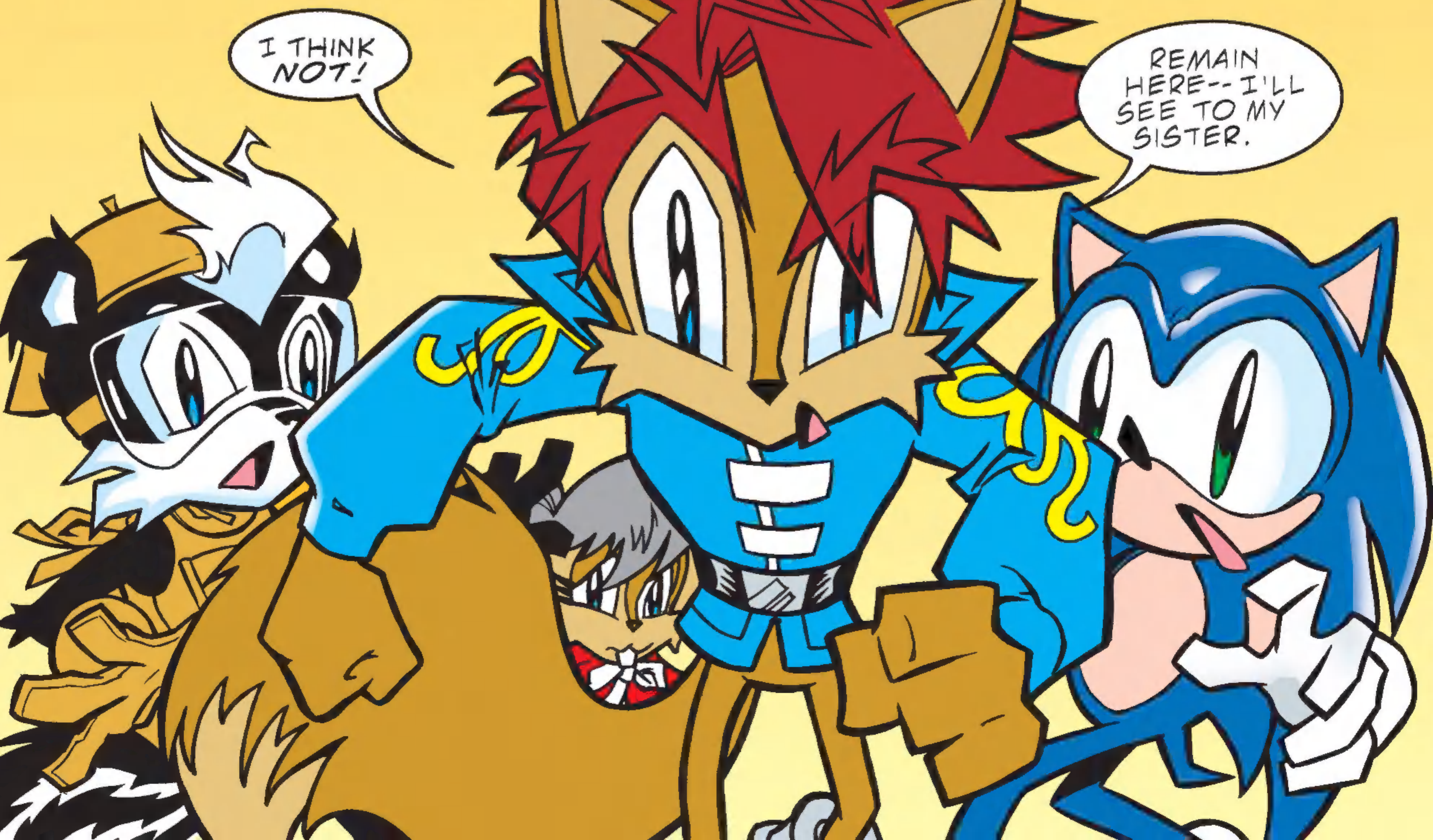


SOB

SAL-- WAIT!



I THINK SHE NEEDS SOME TIME TO HERSELF...



I THINK NOT!

REMAIN HERE-- I'LL SEE TO MY SISTER.

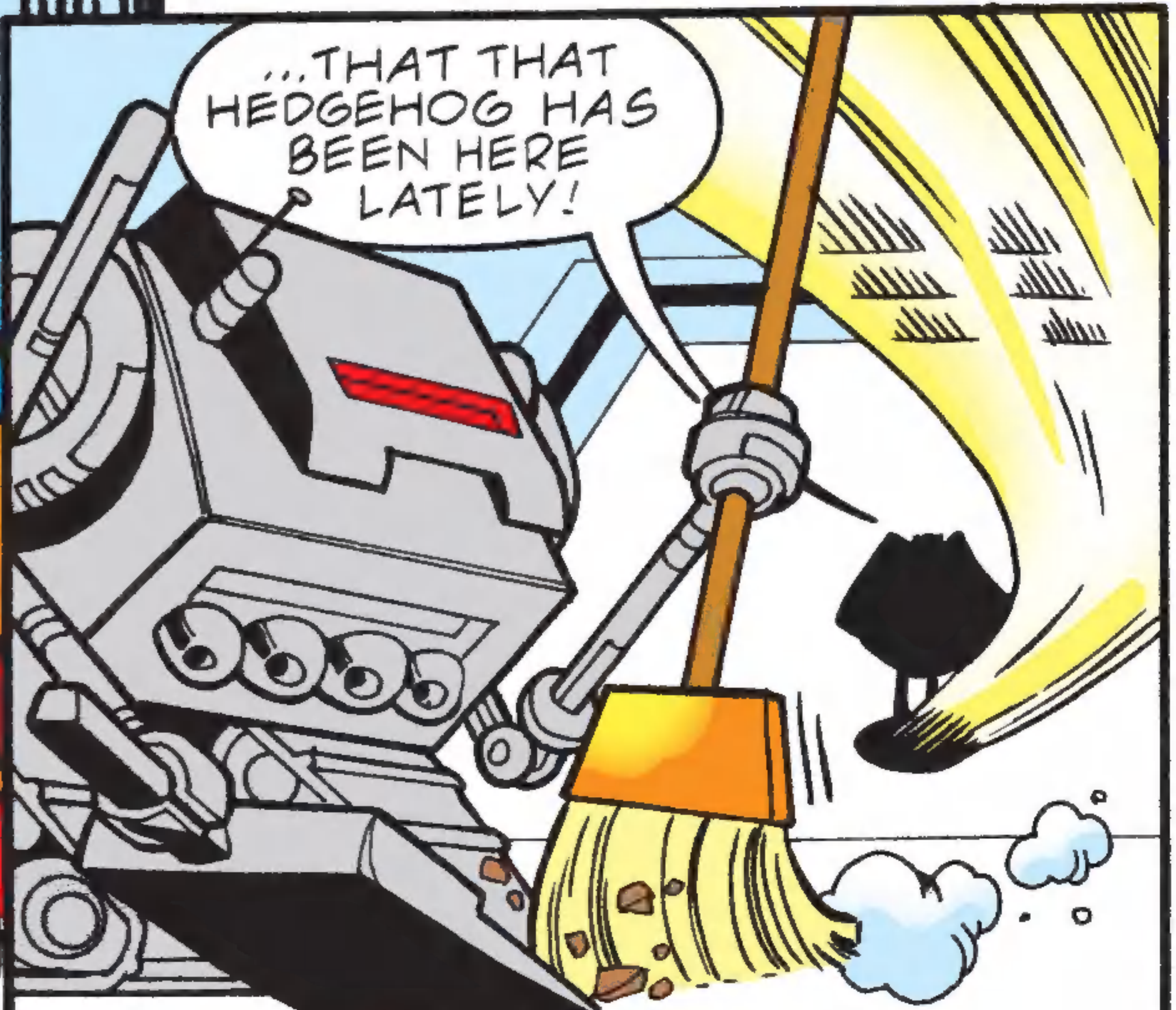
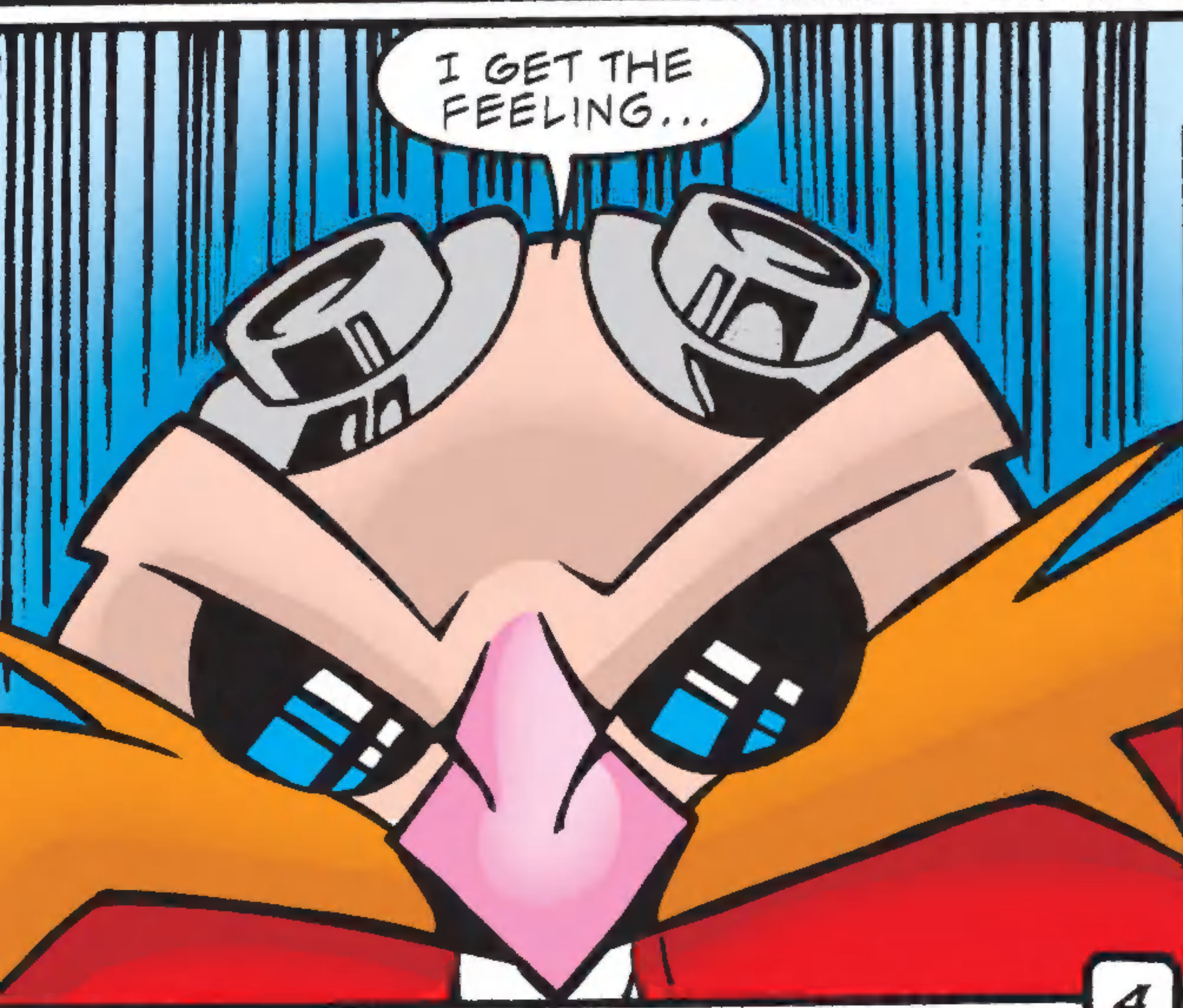
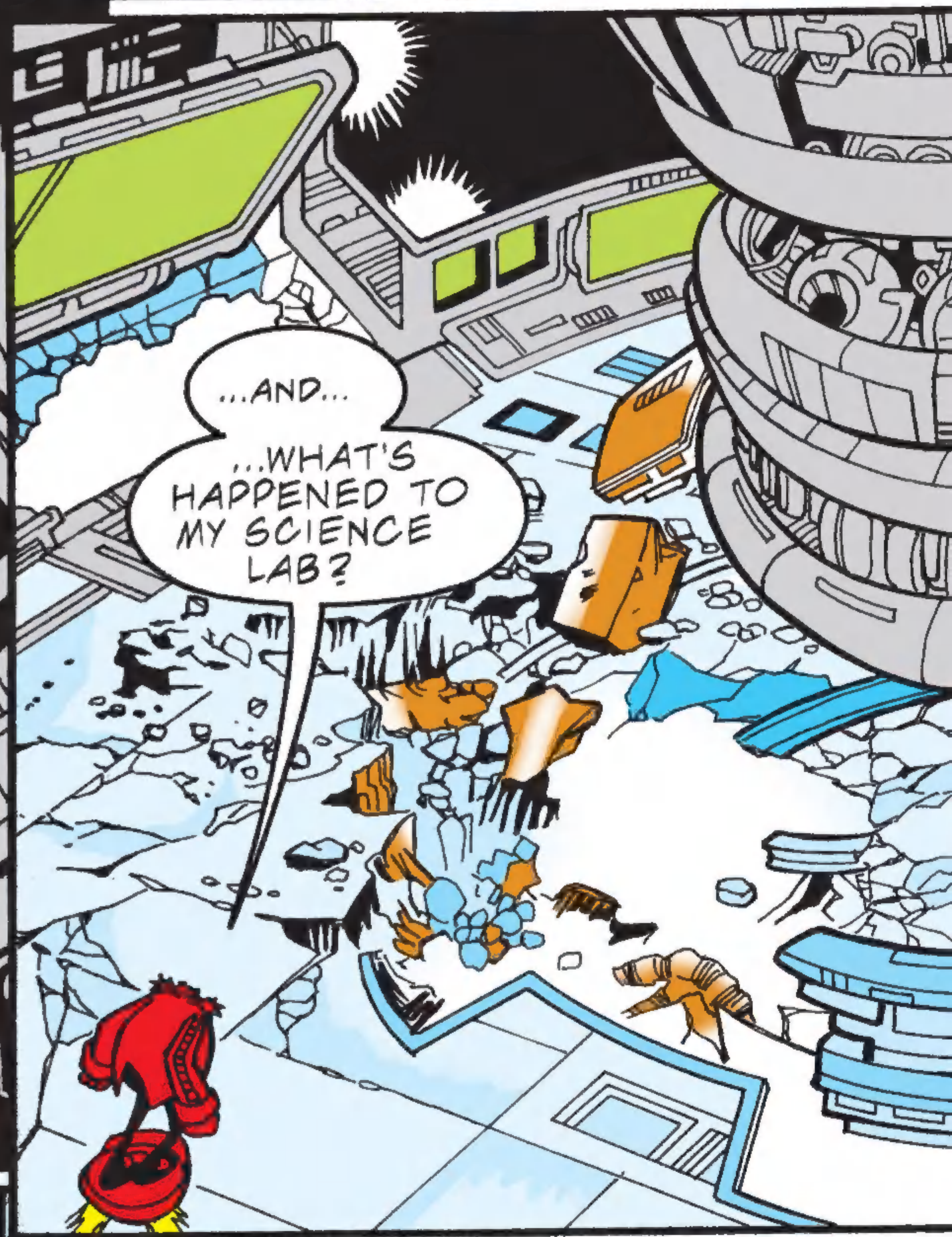
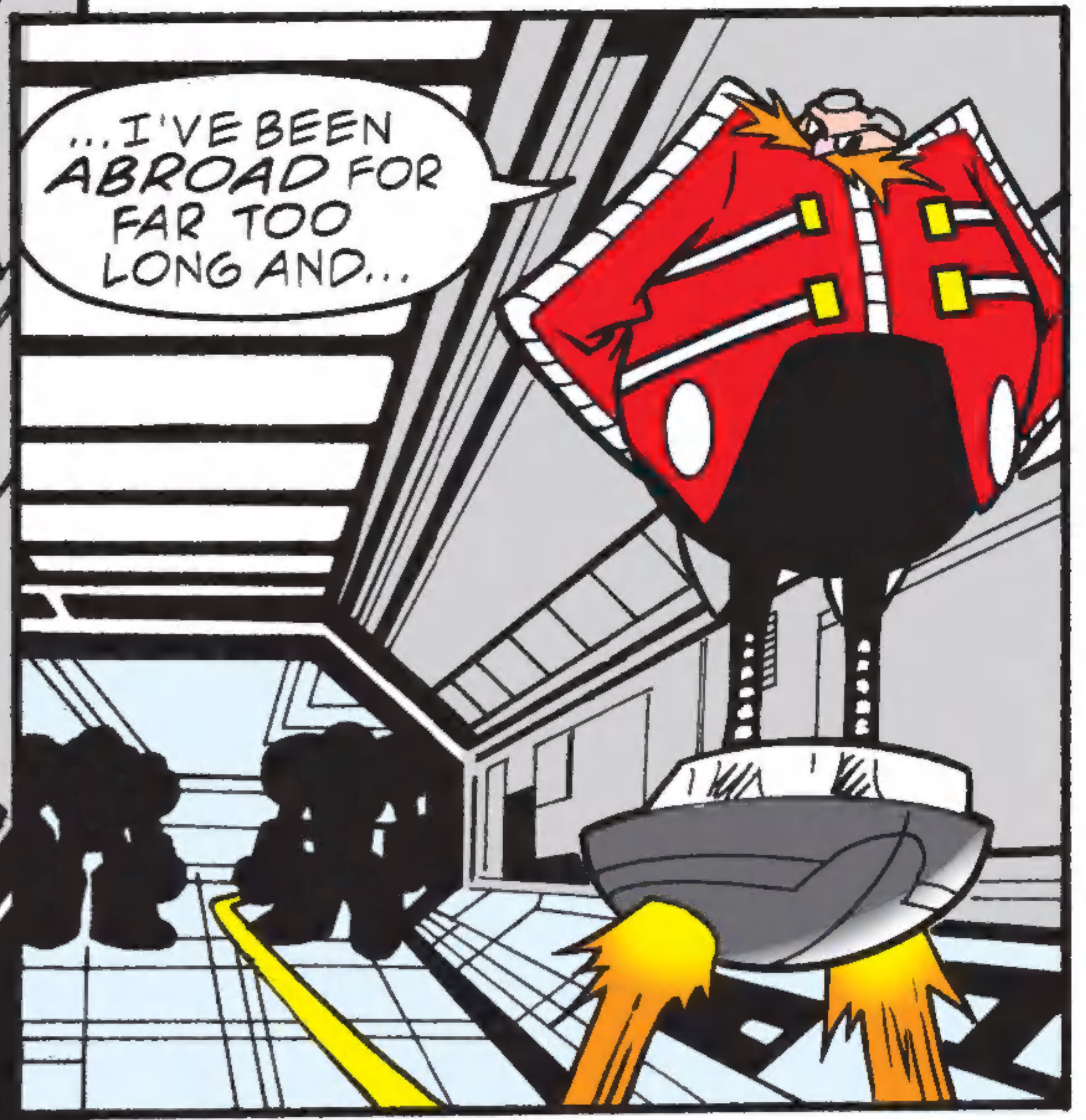
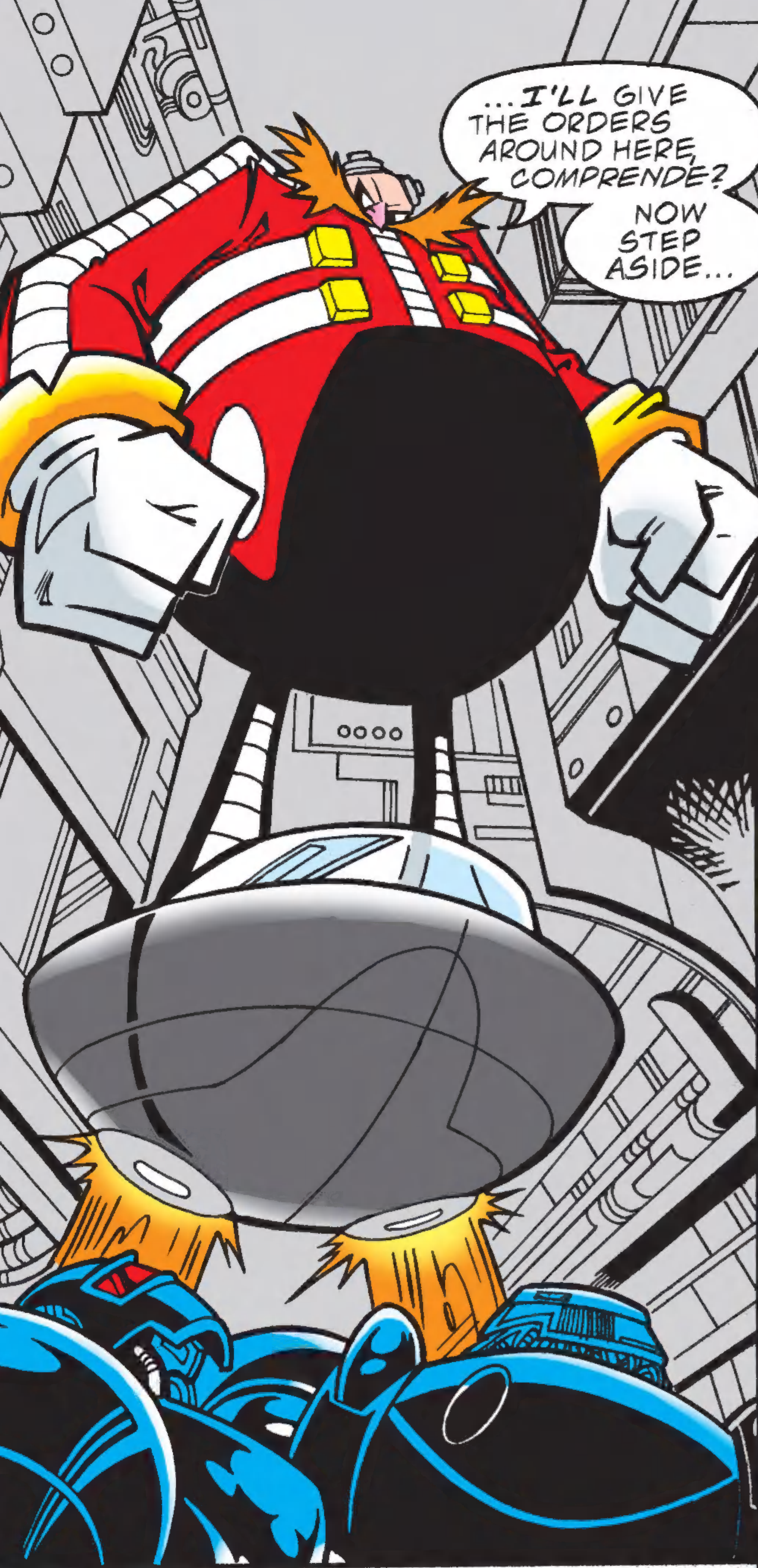
ROBOTROPOLIS...



GET
INSIDE!

WELL SAID,
INDEED...

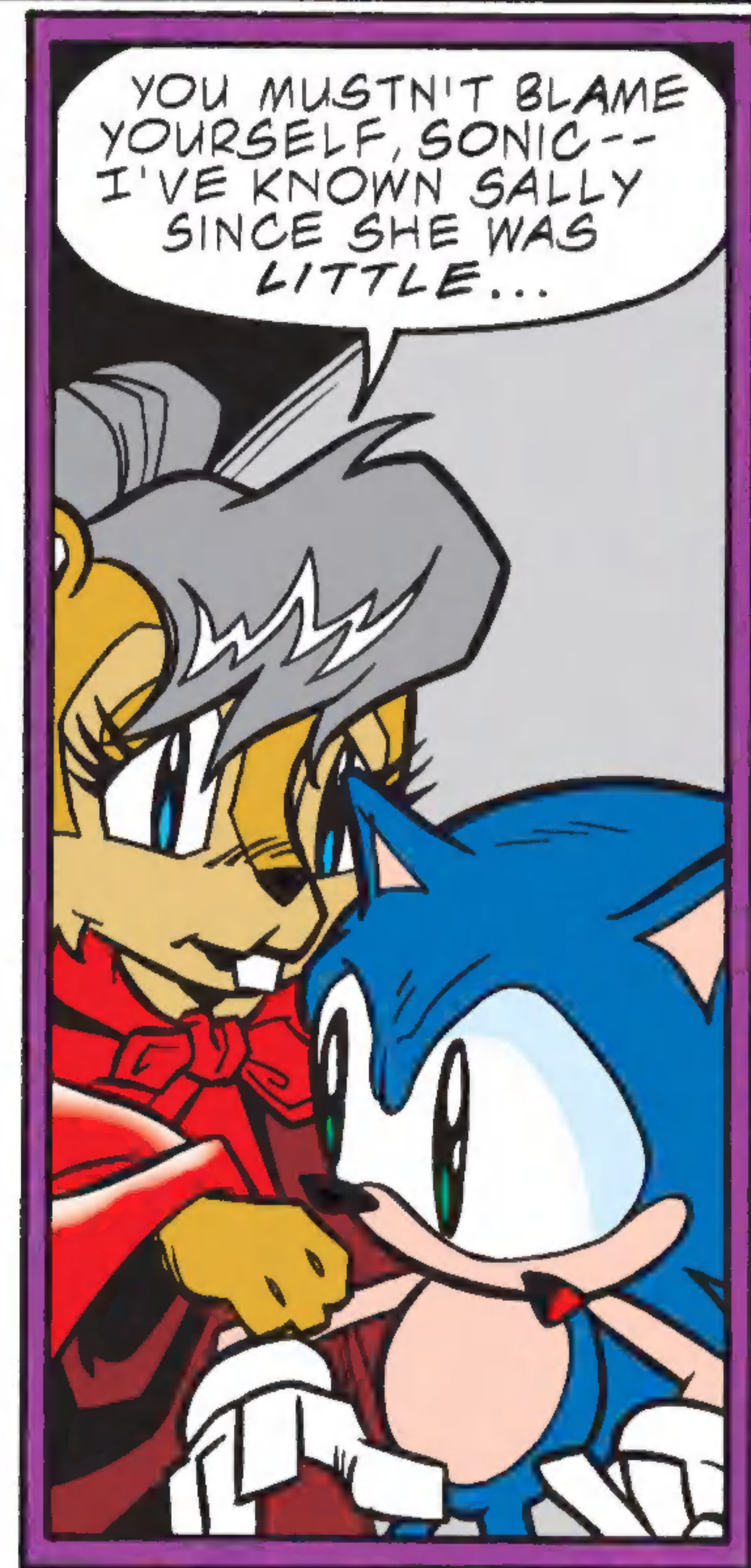
...BUT
FROM NOW
ON...



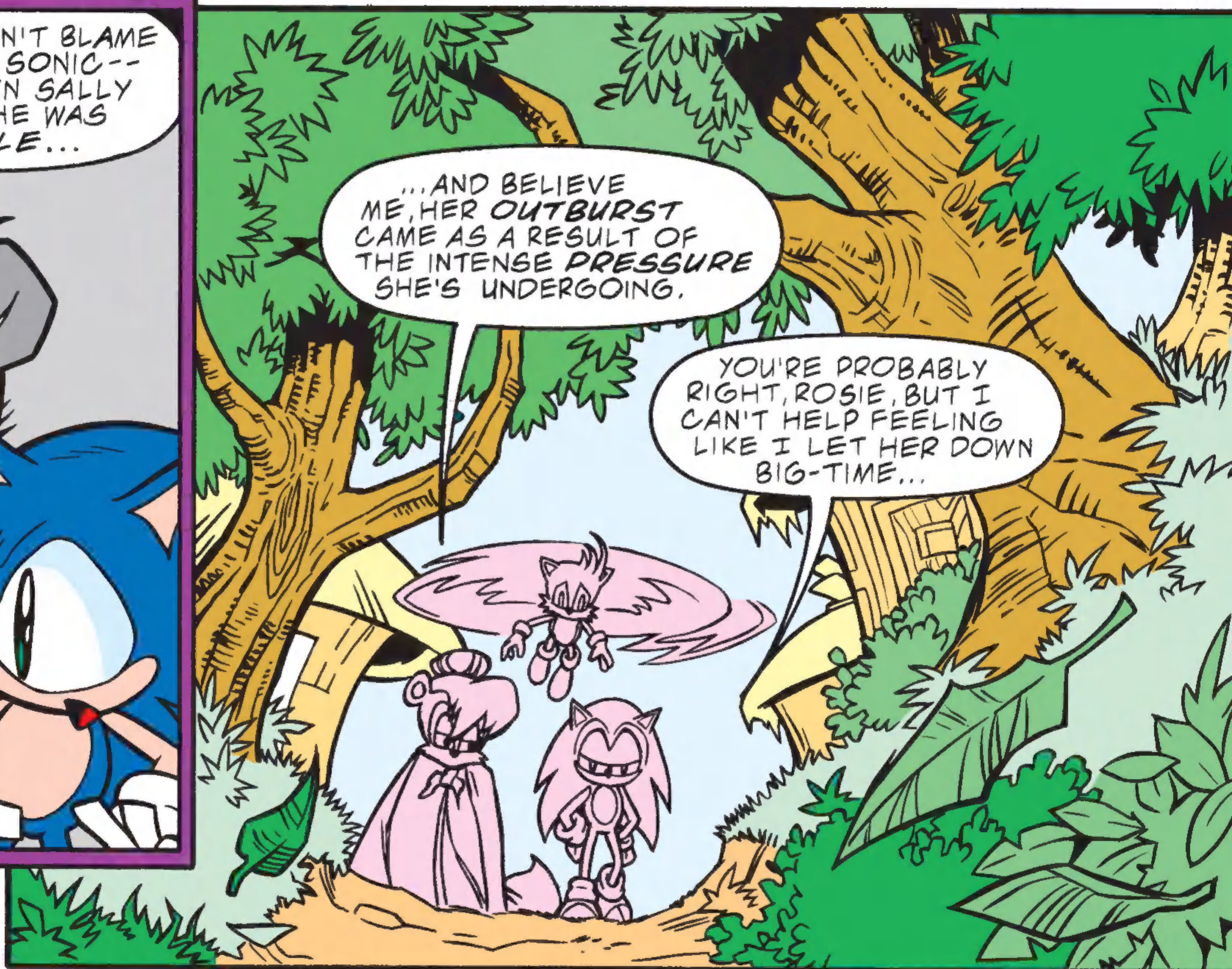


GET A LOAD OF MISTER PERFECT OVER THERE...

GUARD, RETURN THE SWORD OF ACORNS TO THE ROYAL RELIQUARY AT ONCE!



YOU MUSTN'T BLAME YOURSELF, SONIC-- I'VE KNOWN SALLY SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE...



...AND BELIEVE ME, HER OUTBURST CAME AS A RESULT OF THE INTENSE PRESSURE SHE'S UNDERGOING.

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT, ROSIE, BUT I CAN'T HELP FEELING LIKE I LET HER DOWN BIG-TIME...

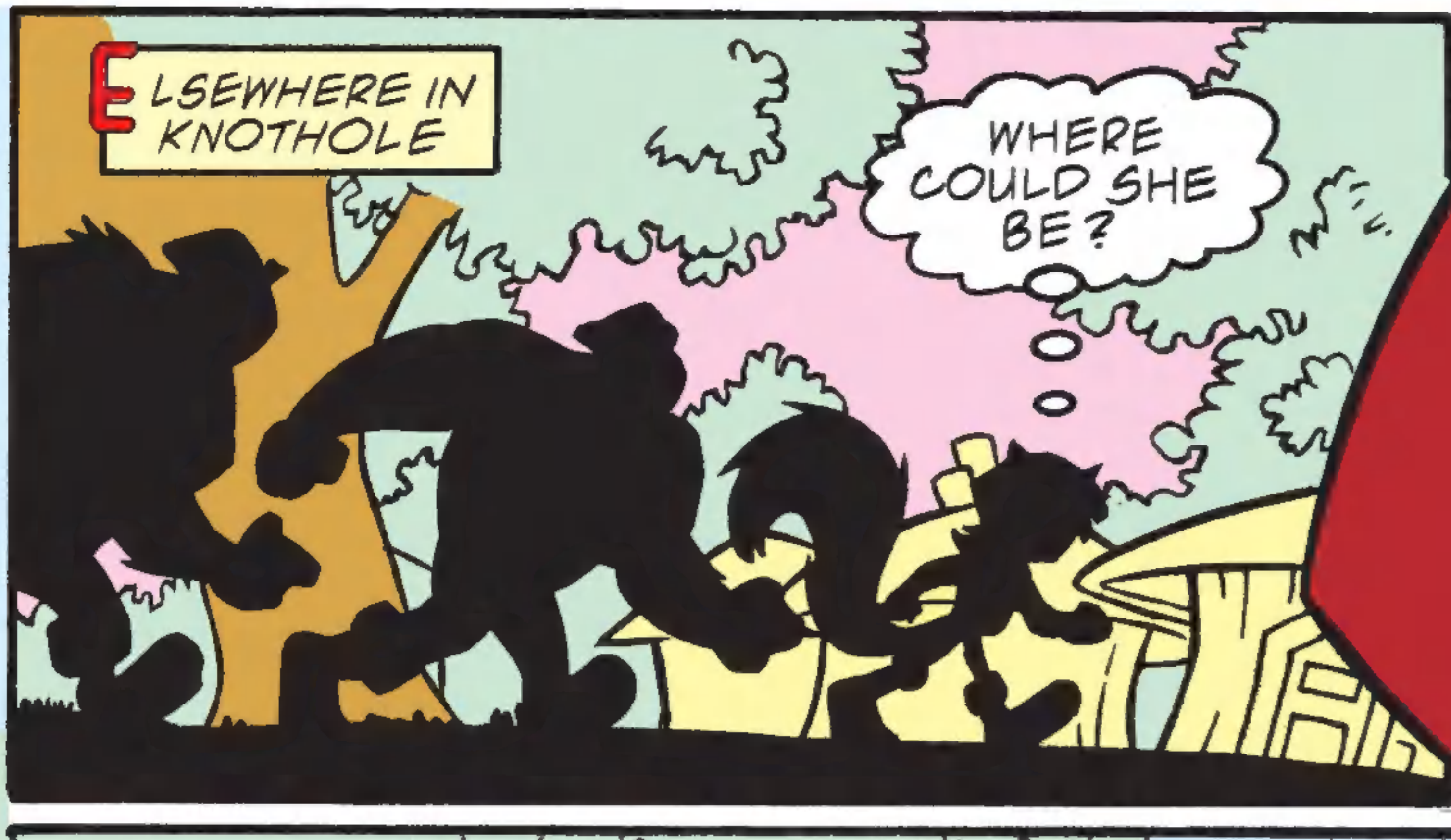


HIYA, ROSIE--WE JUST GOT BACK FROM OUR WALK!



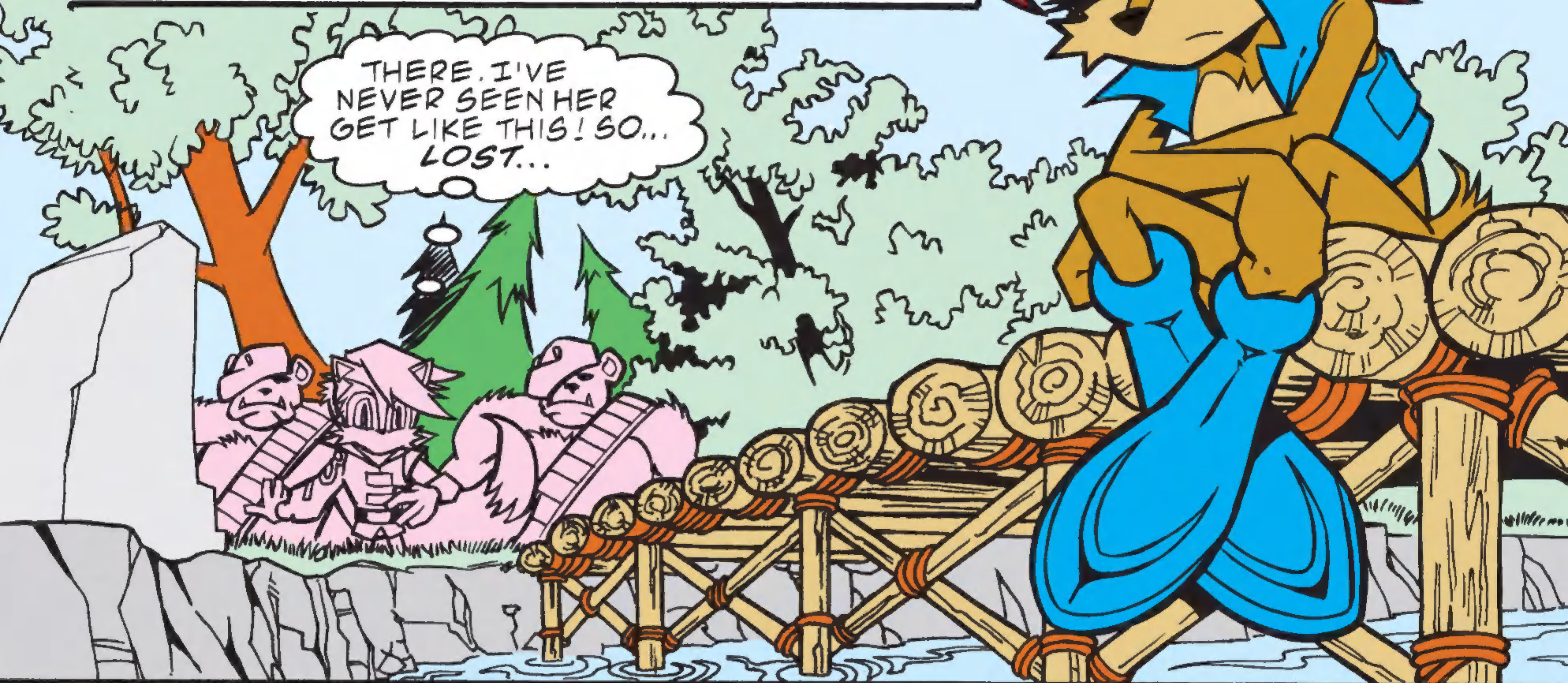
THANKS FOR BABY-SITTING, MINA.

I WONDER WHY SONIC SEEMS SO GLUM?

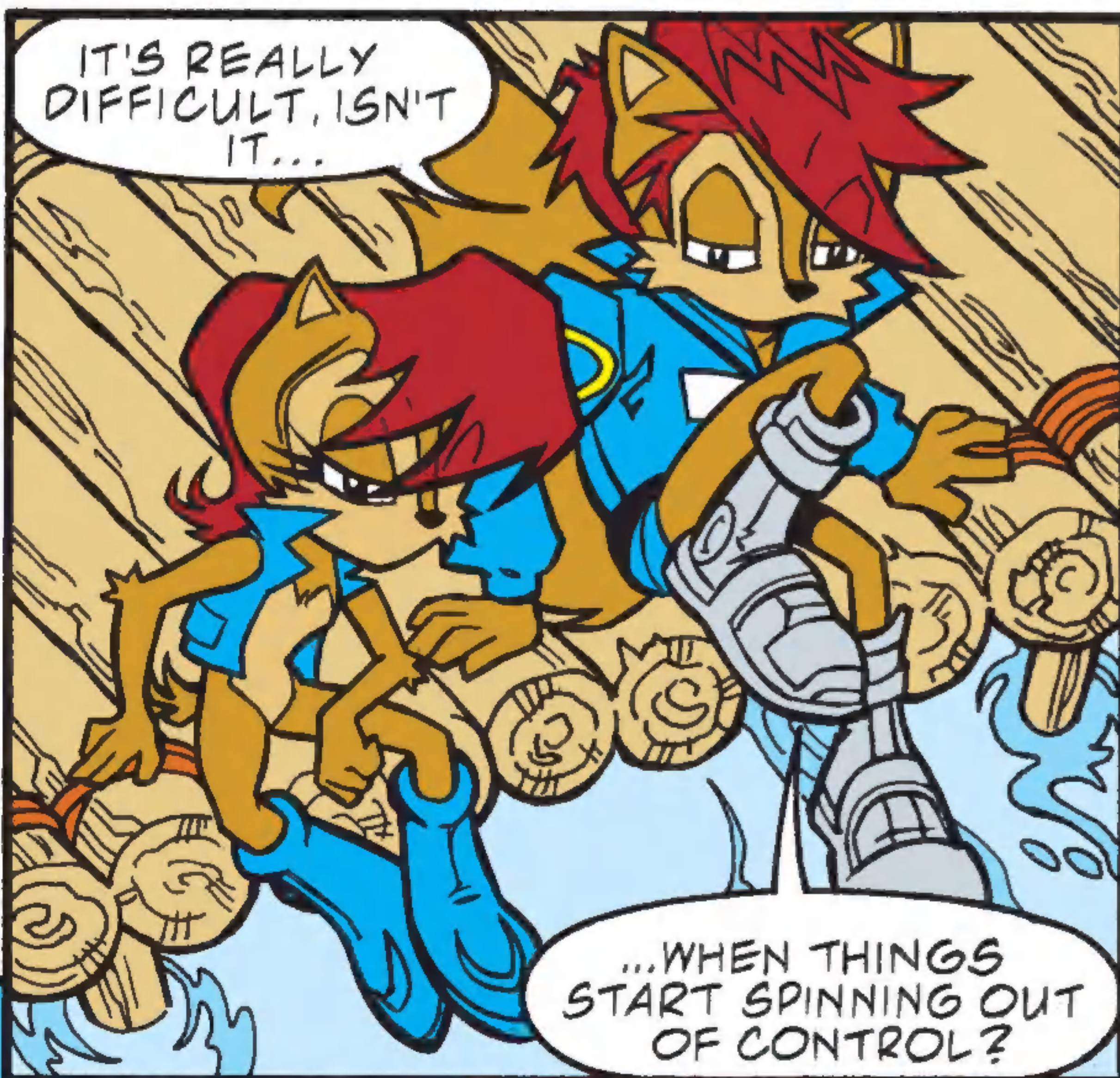


ELSEWHERE IN
KNOTHOLE

WHERE
COULD SHE
BE?



THERE, I'VE
NEVER SEEN HER
GET LIKE THIS! SO...
LOST...



IT'S REALLY
DIFFICULT, ISN'T
IT...

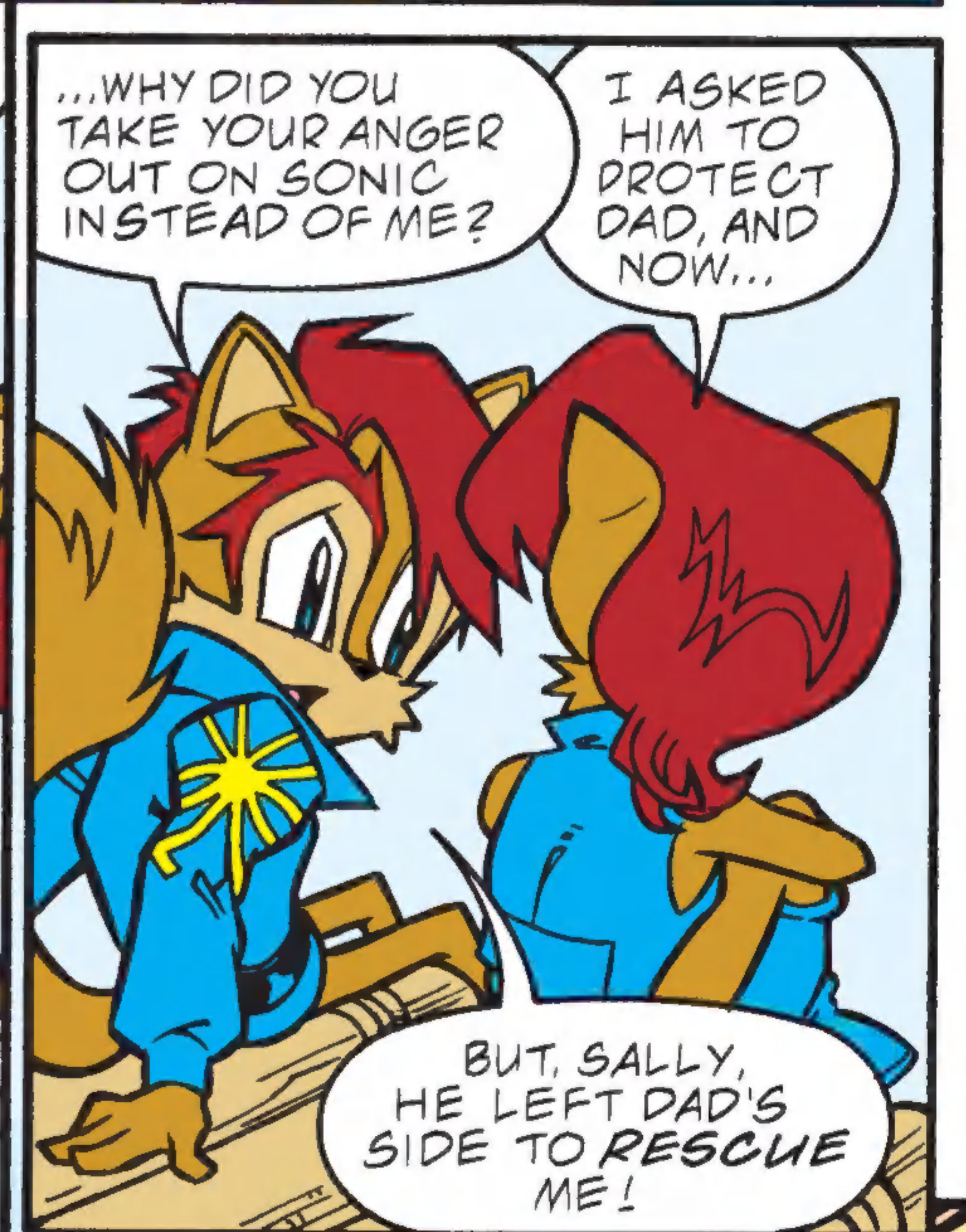
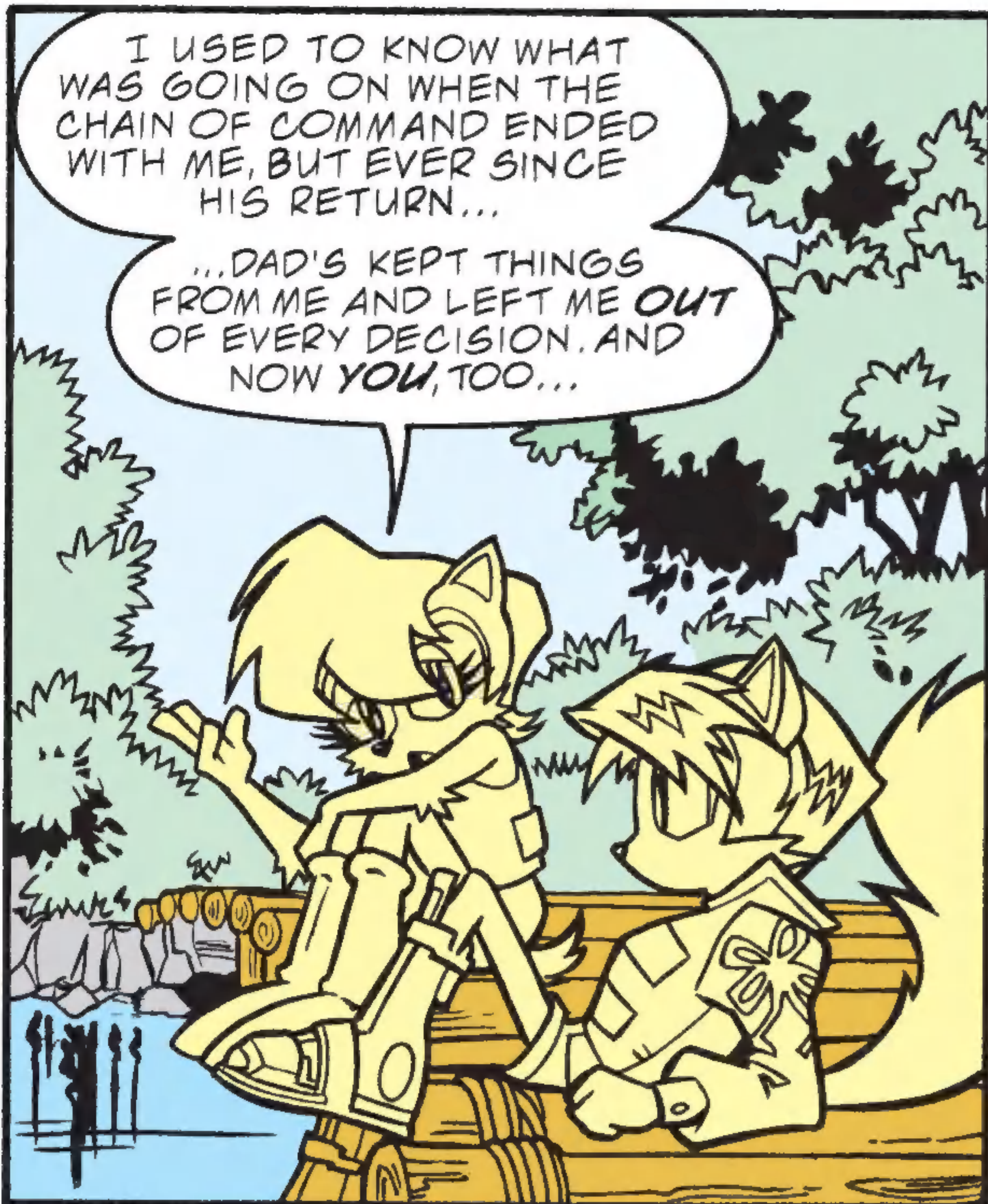
...WHEN THINGS
START SPINNING OUT
OF CONTROL?

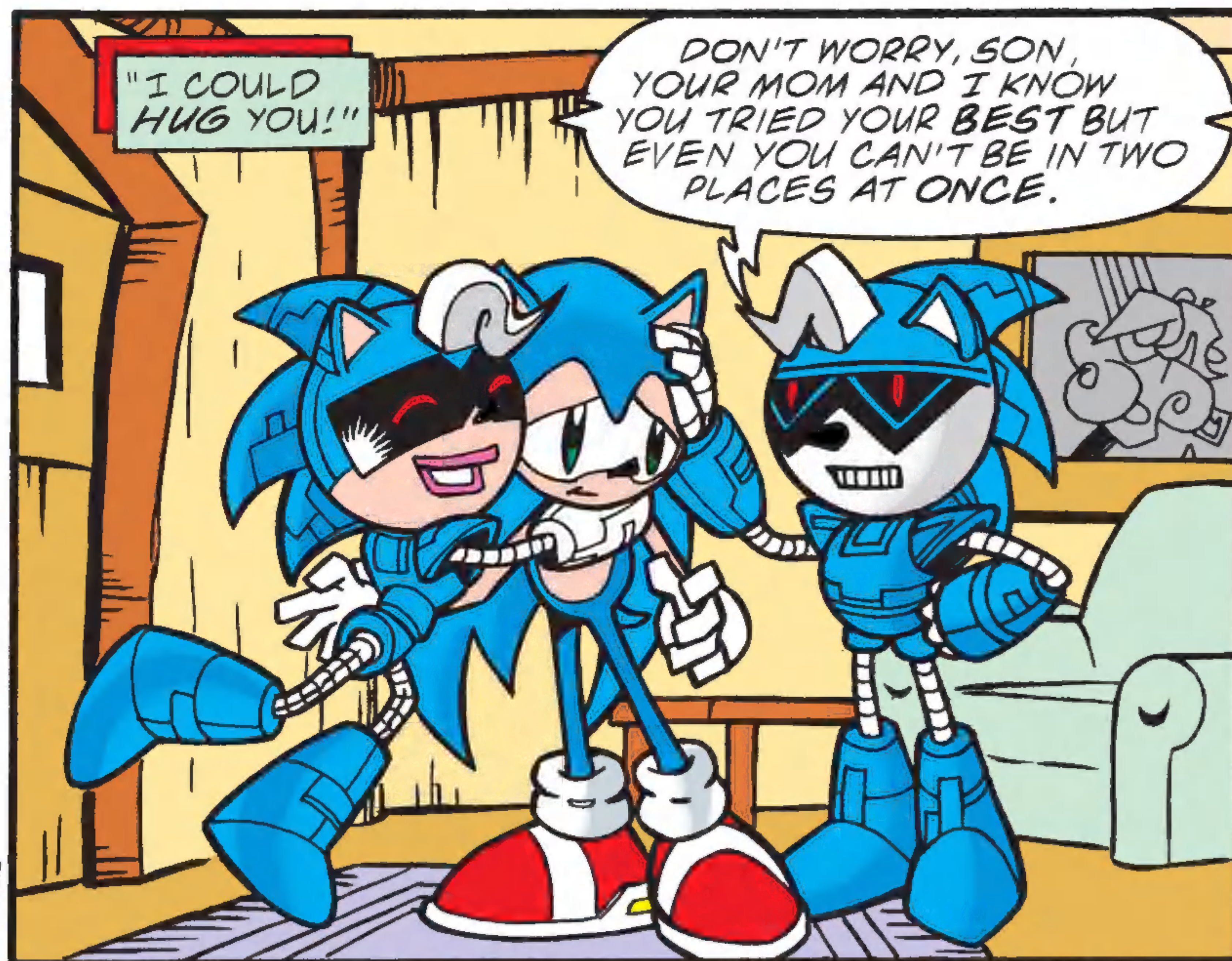


START? THEY'VE
BEEN SPINNING OUT
OF CONTROL FOR
SOME TIME NOW.



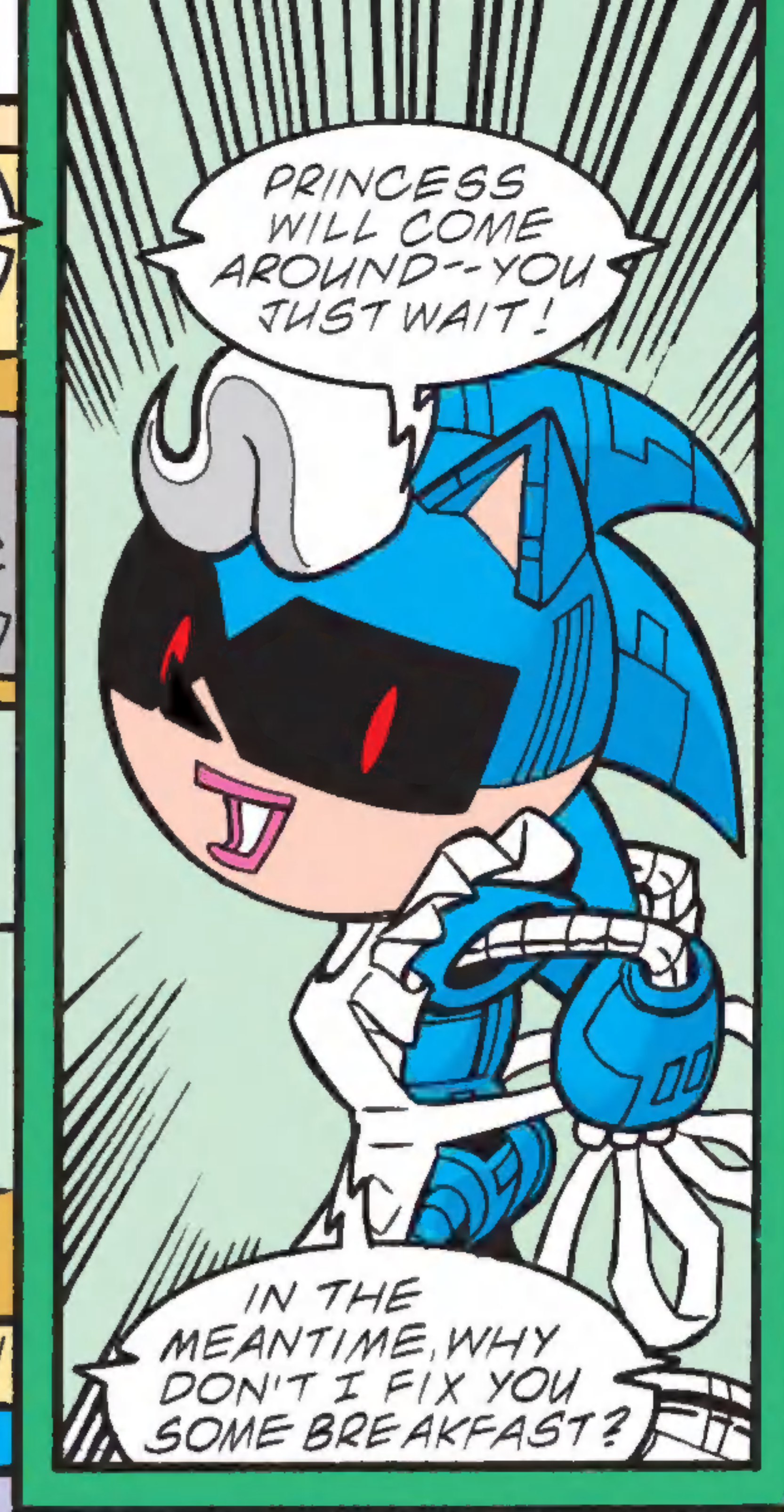
HOW
SO?





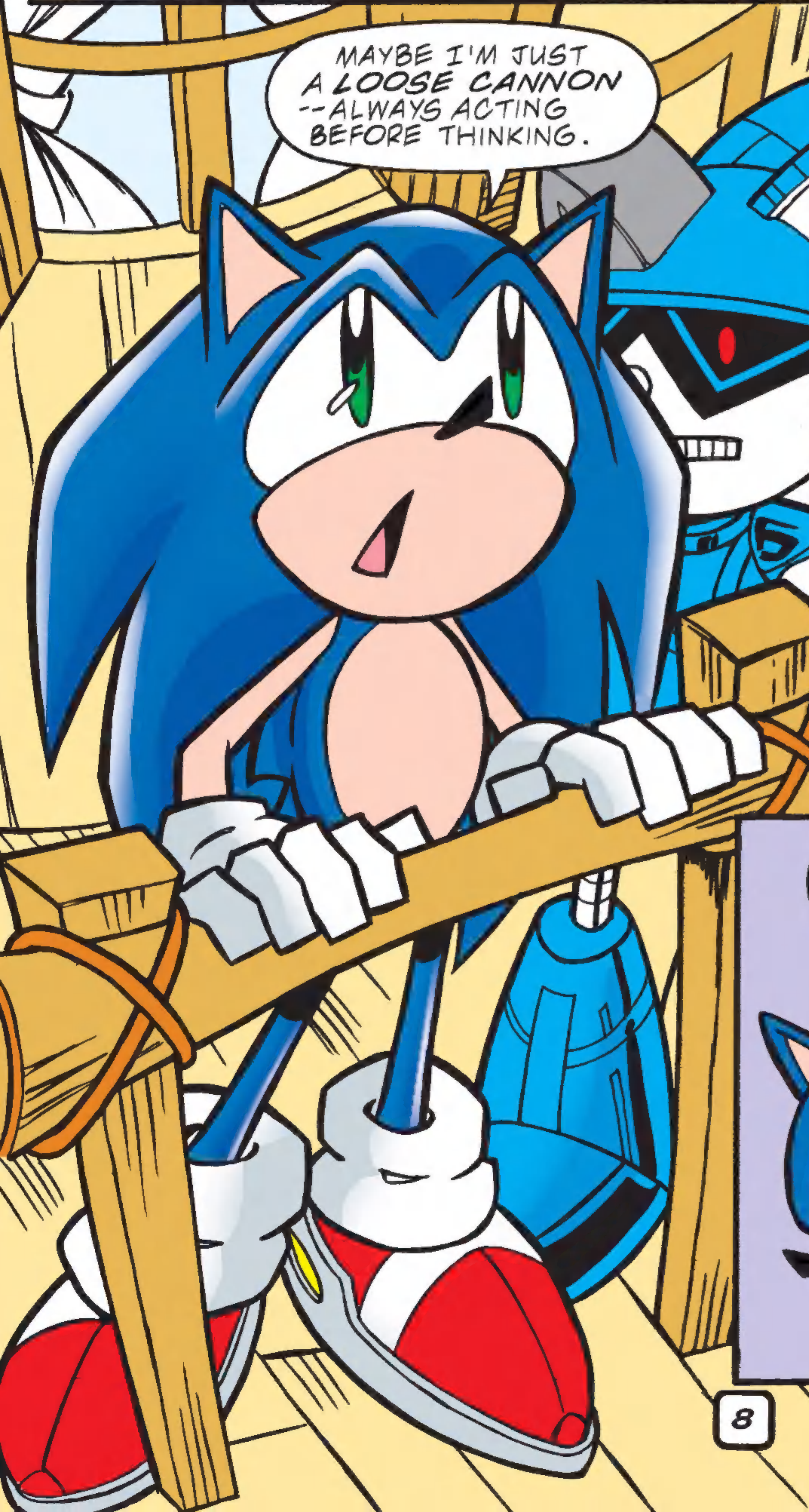
"I COULD HUG YOU!"

DON'T WORRY, SON,
YOUR MOM AND I KNOW
YOU TRIED YOUR BEST BUT
EVEN YOU CAN'T BE IN TWO
PLACES AT ONCE.

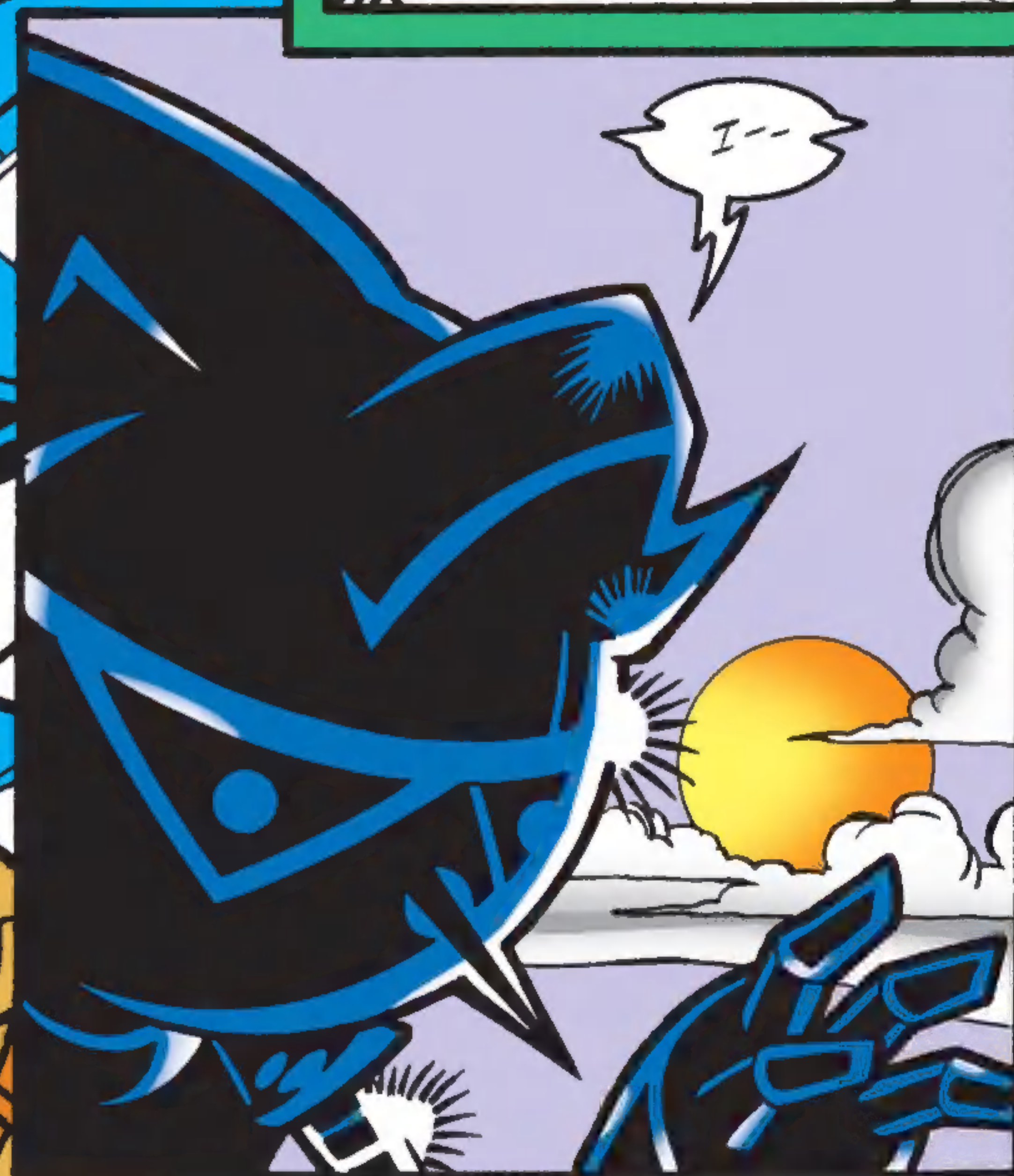


PRINCESS
WILL COME
AROUND--YOU
JUST WAIT!

IN THE
MEANTIME, WHY
DON'T I FIX YOU
SOME BREAKFAST?



MAYBE I'M JUST
A LOOSE CANNON
--ALWAYS ACTING
BEFORE THINKING.



I--



I WISH UNCLE
CHUCK WERE HERE.
HE HAD ALL THE
ANSWERS...

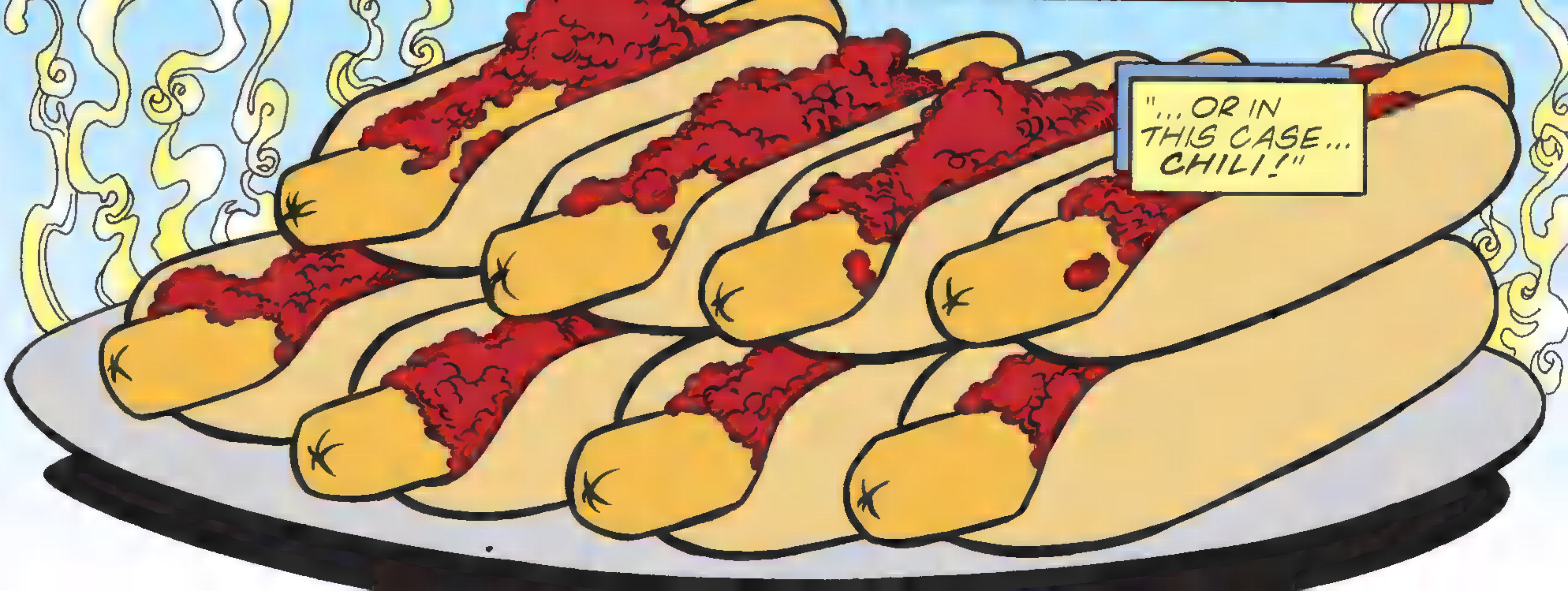
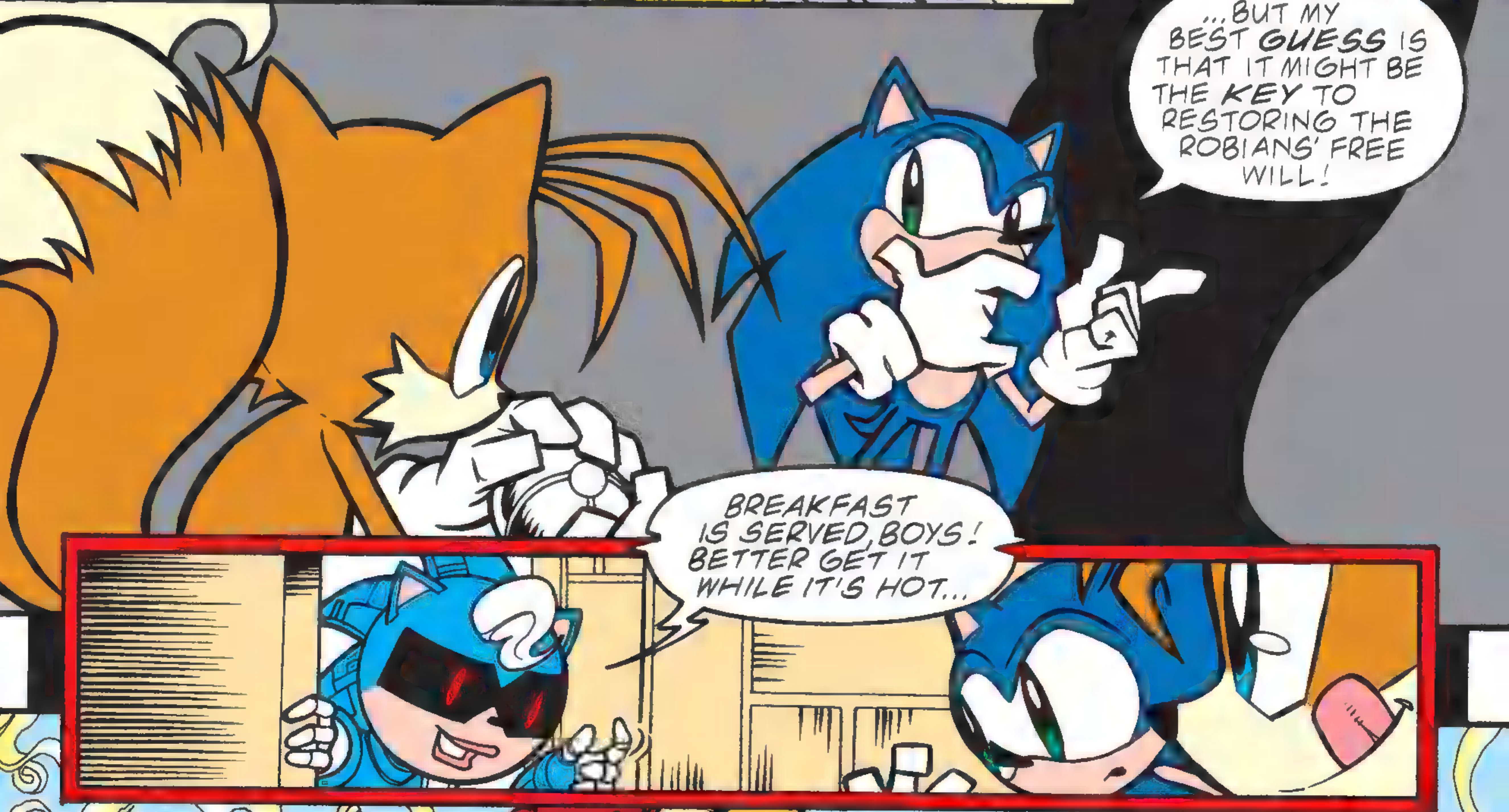
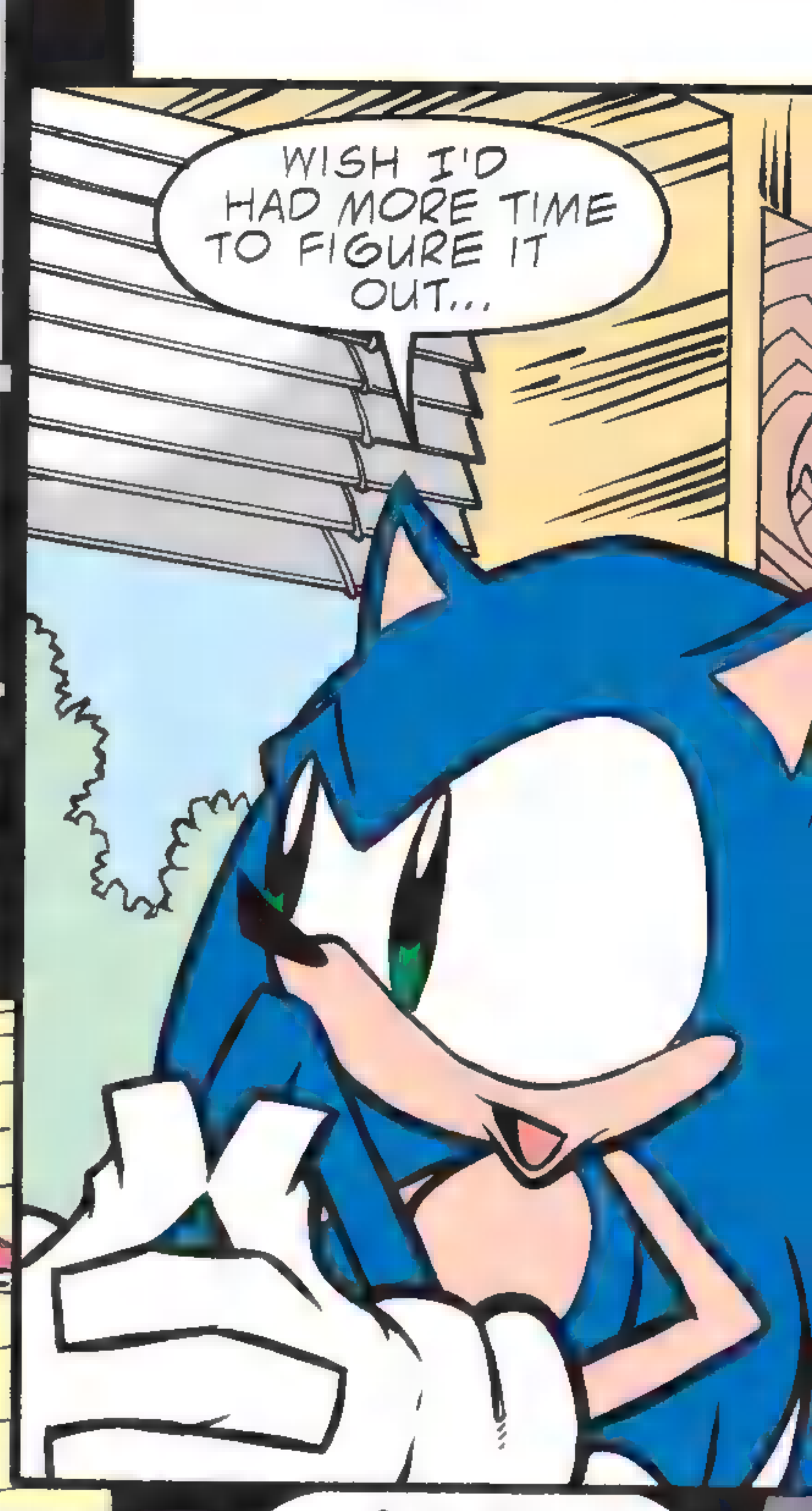
THICKER THAN WATER

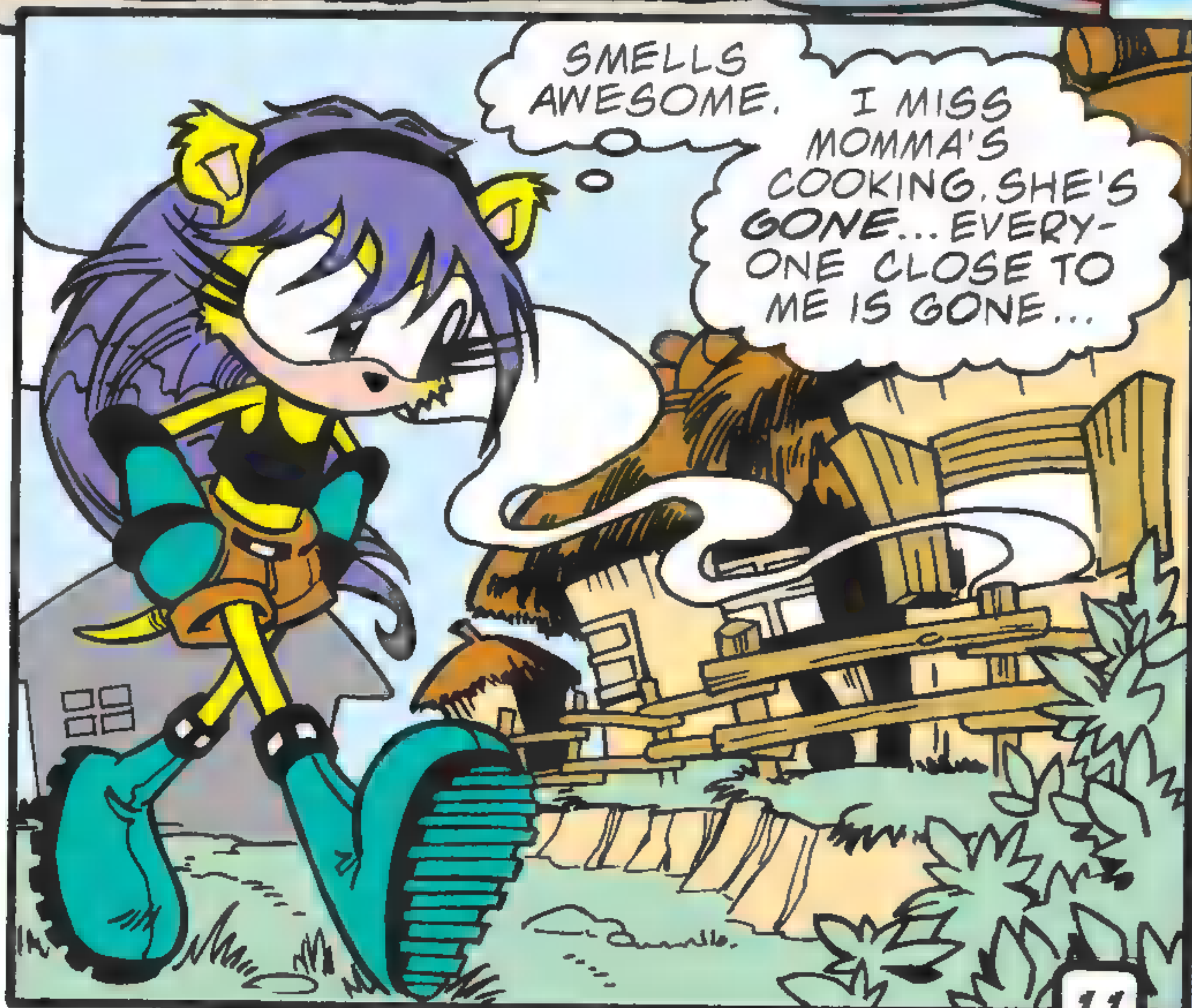
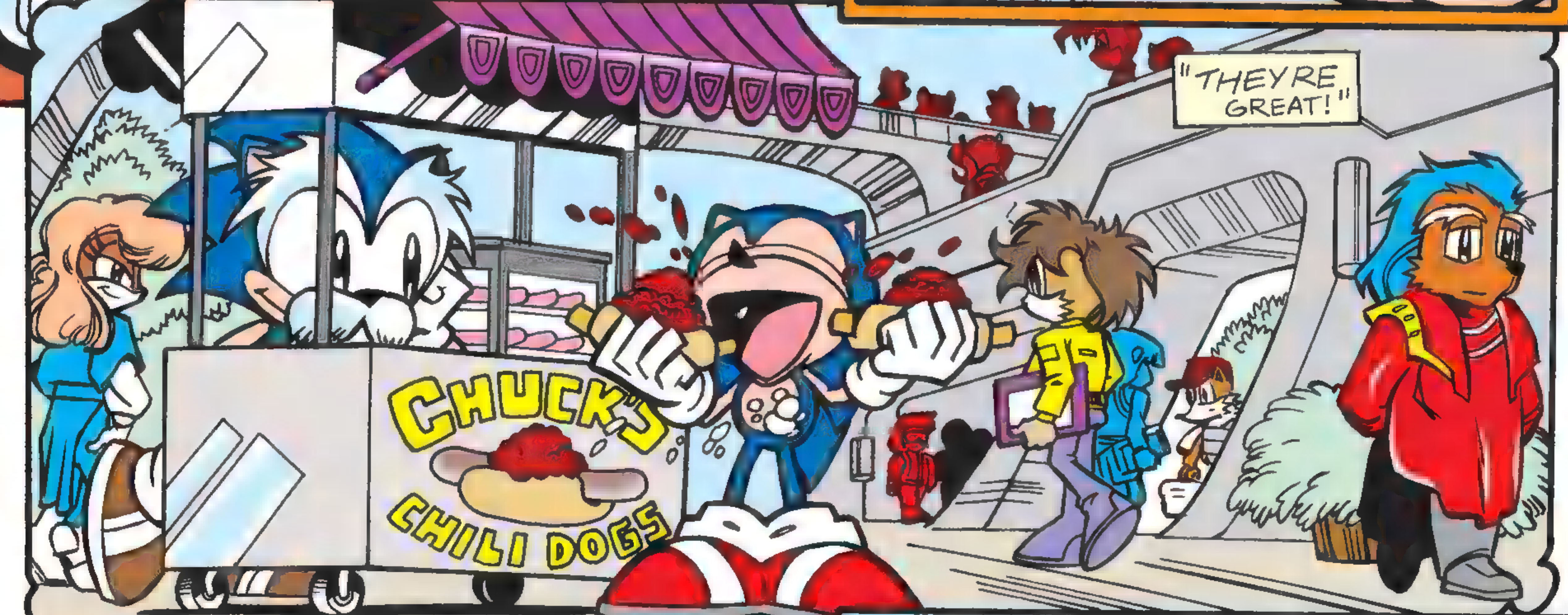
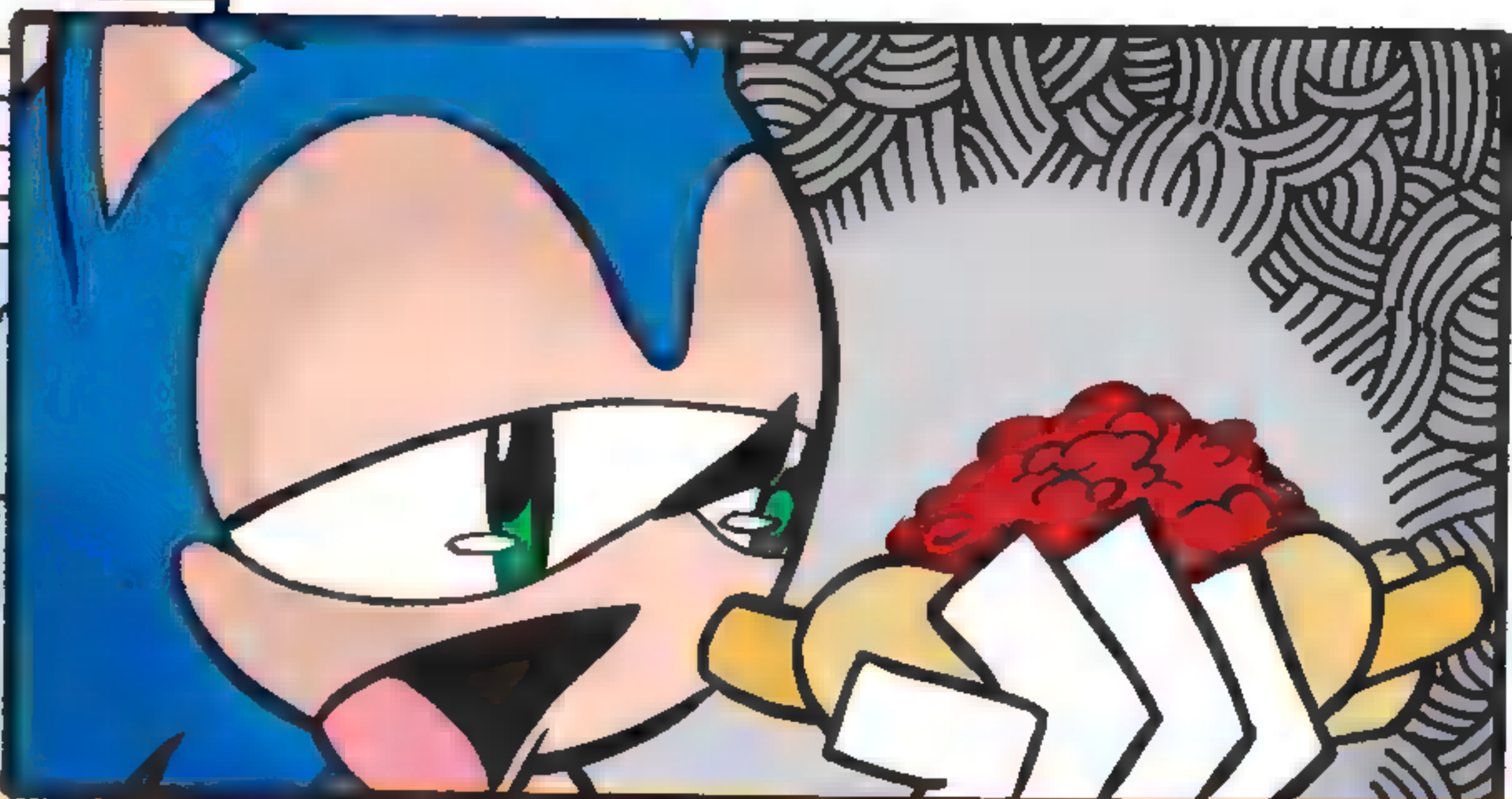
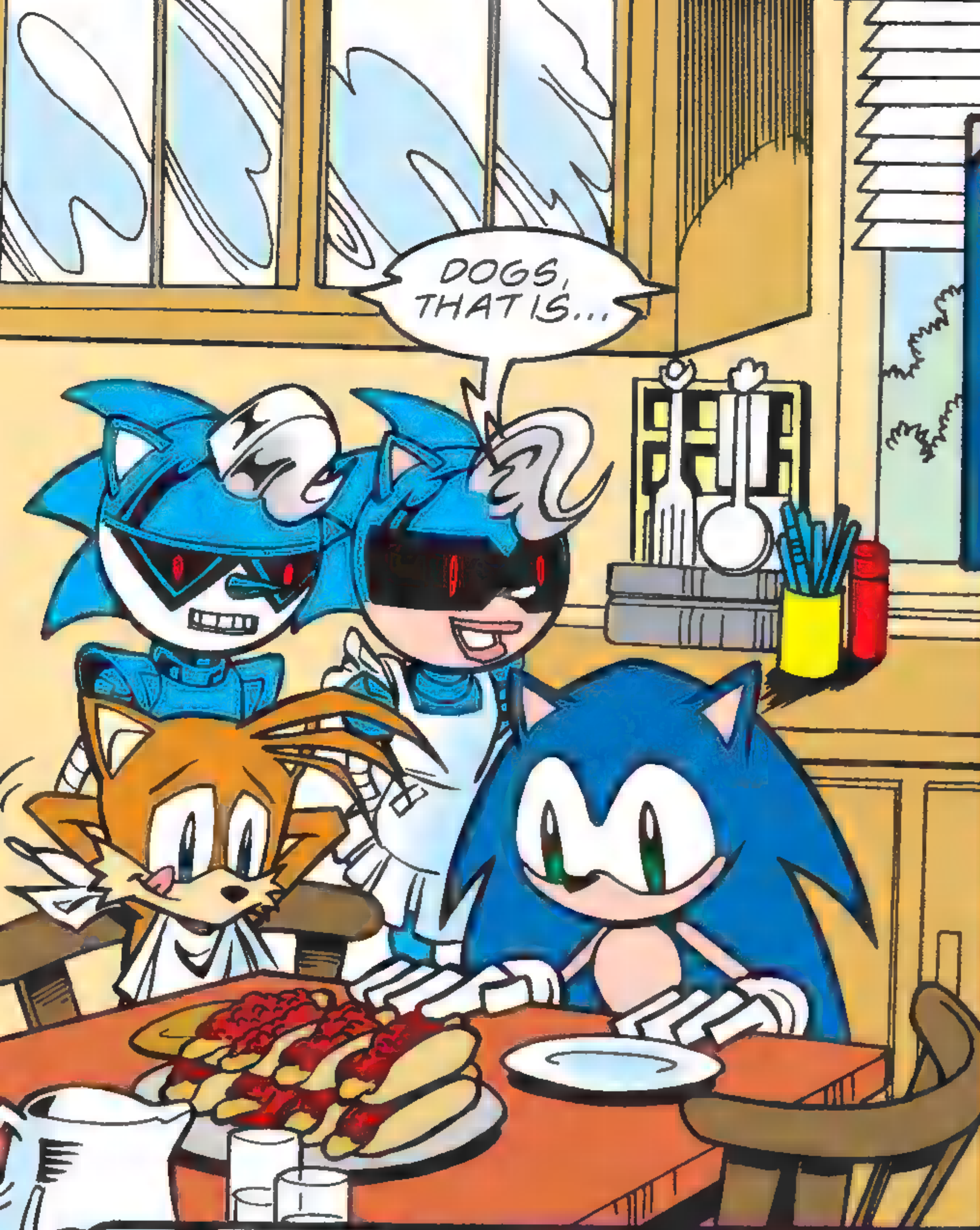
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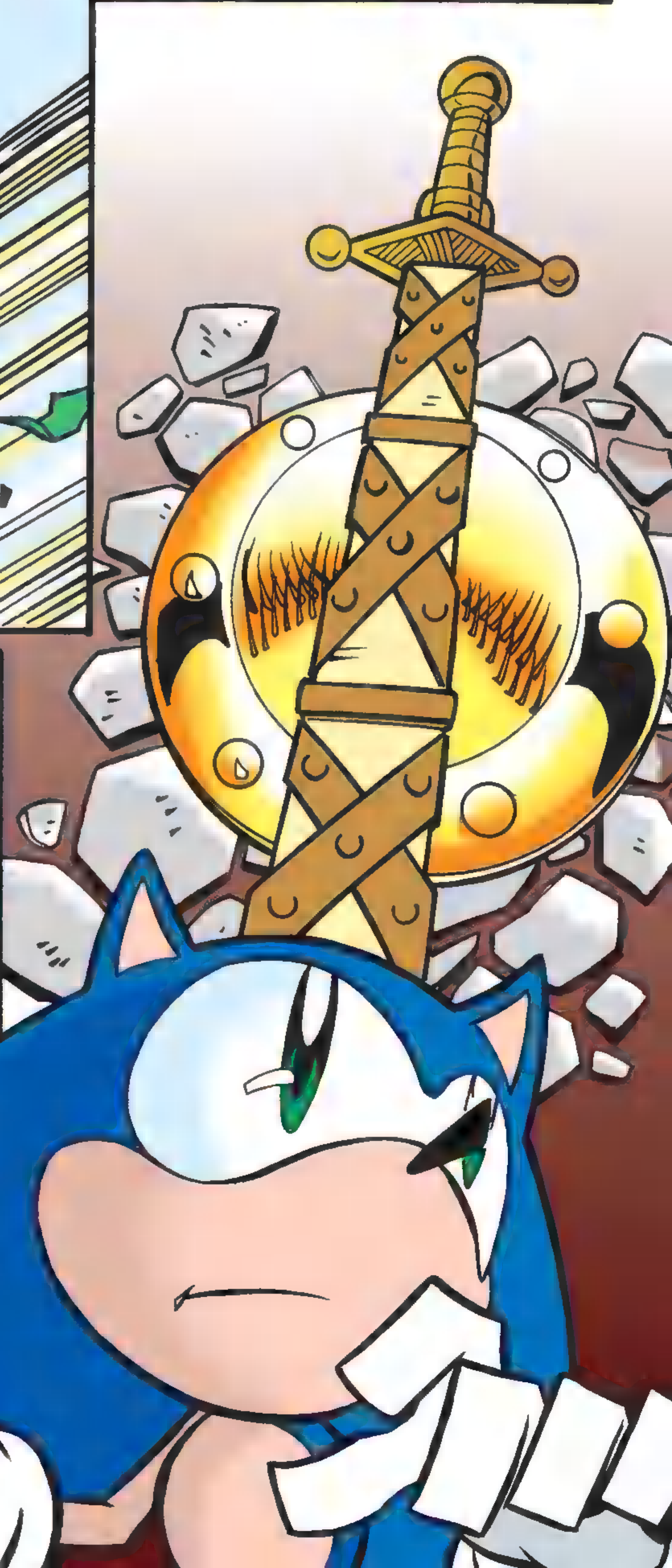
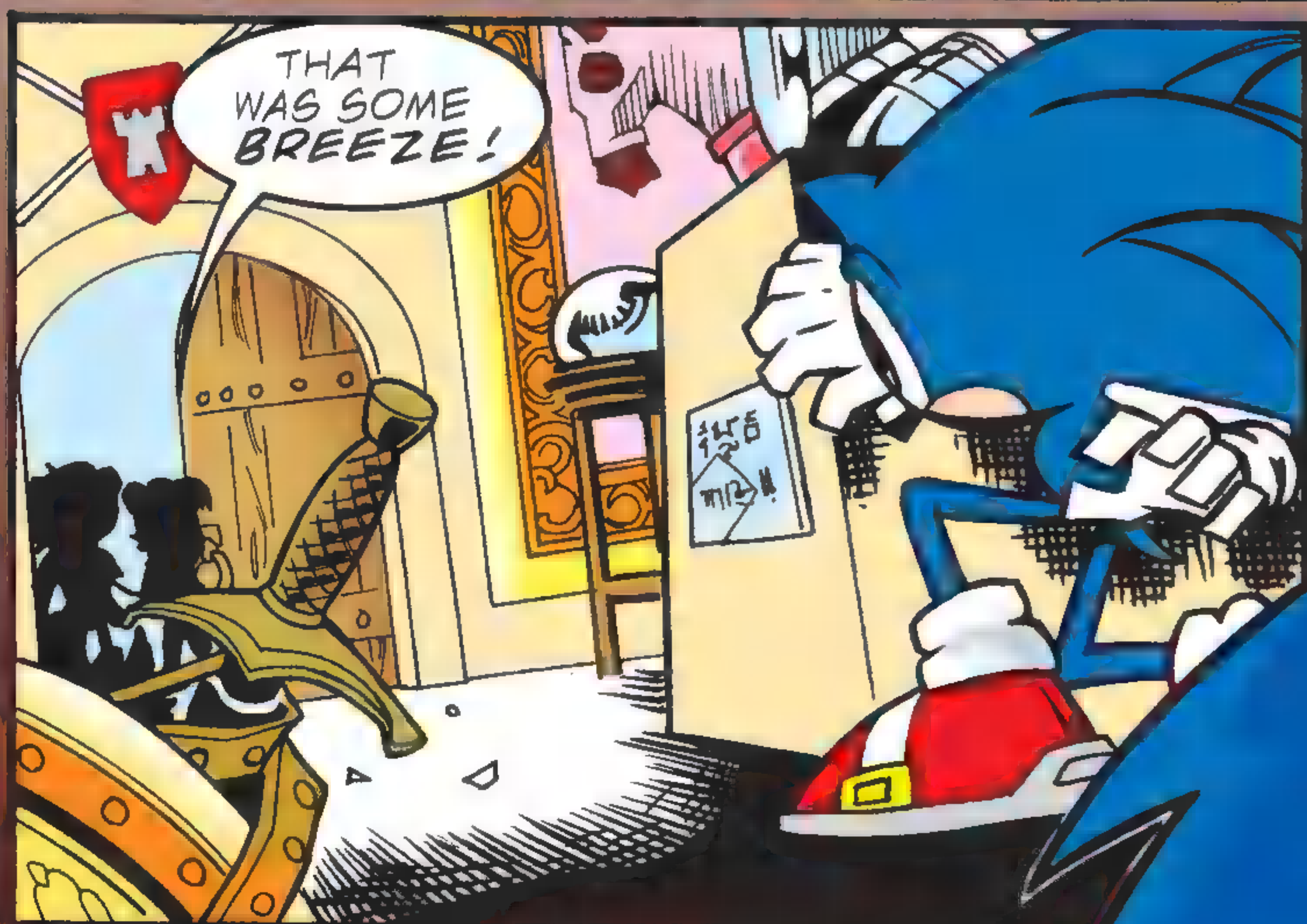
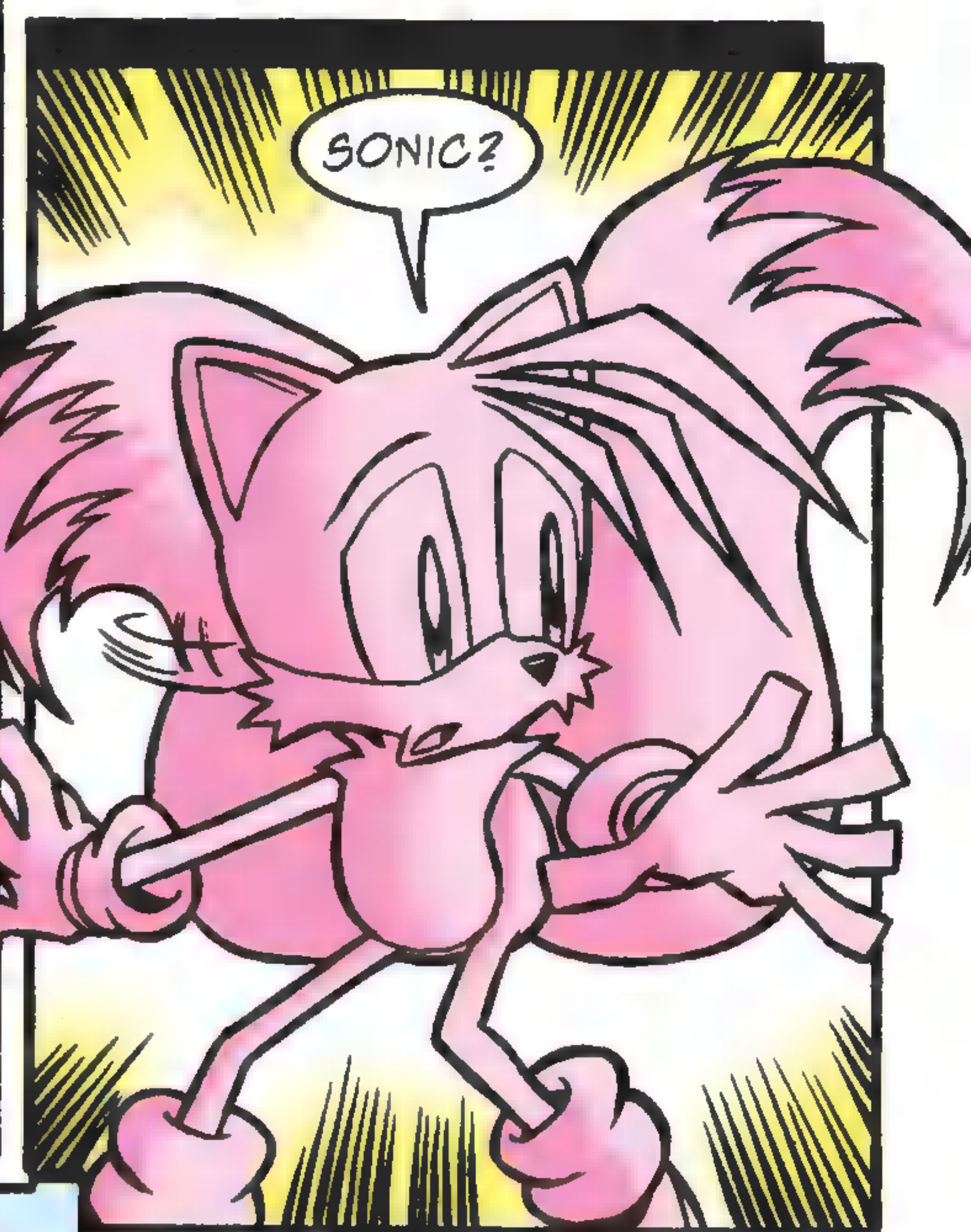
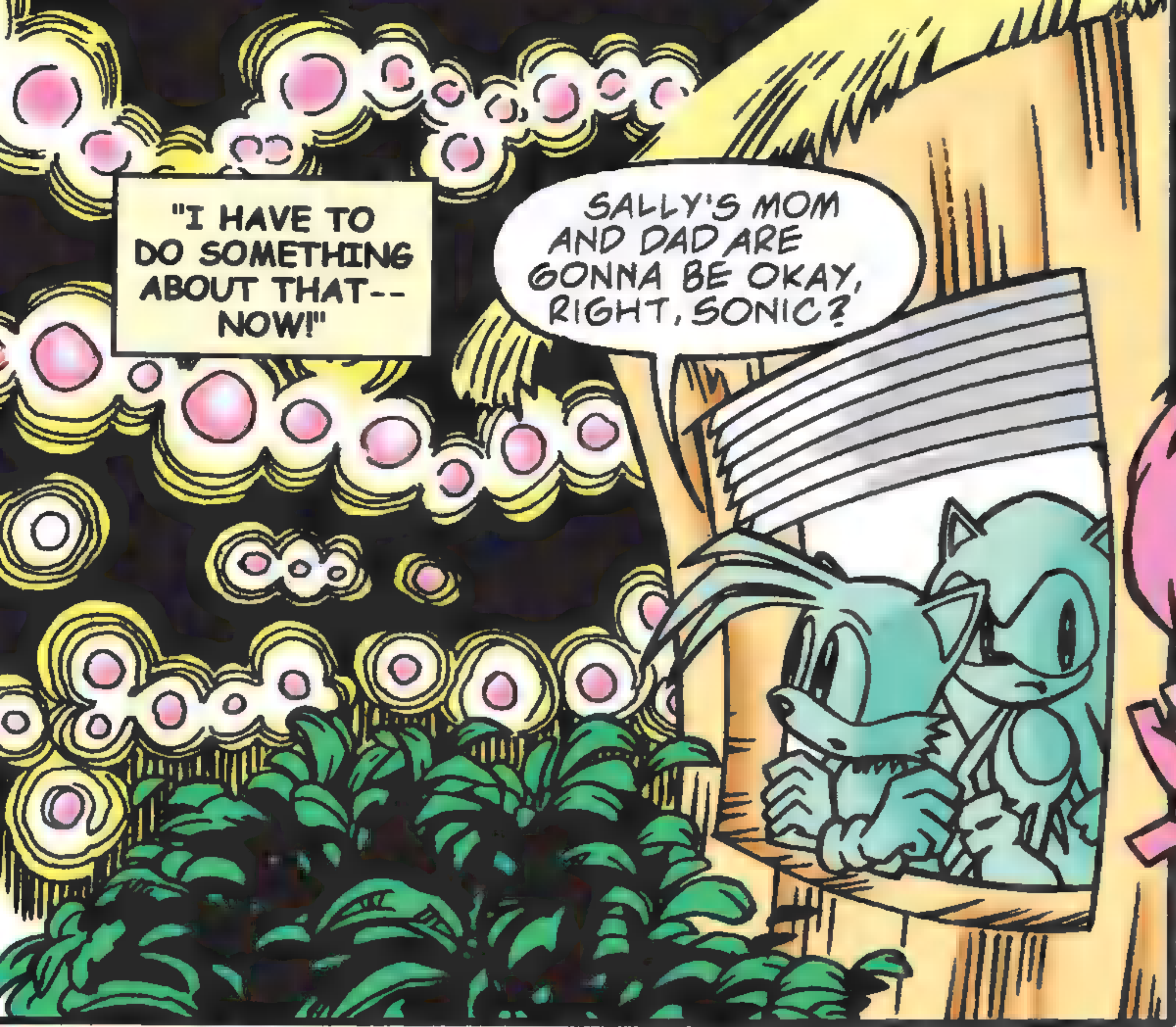
SONIC AND
COMPANY ACTUALLY
HAD THE NERVE TO
STORM MY BASE OF
OPERATIONS?

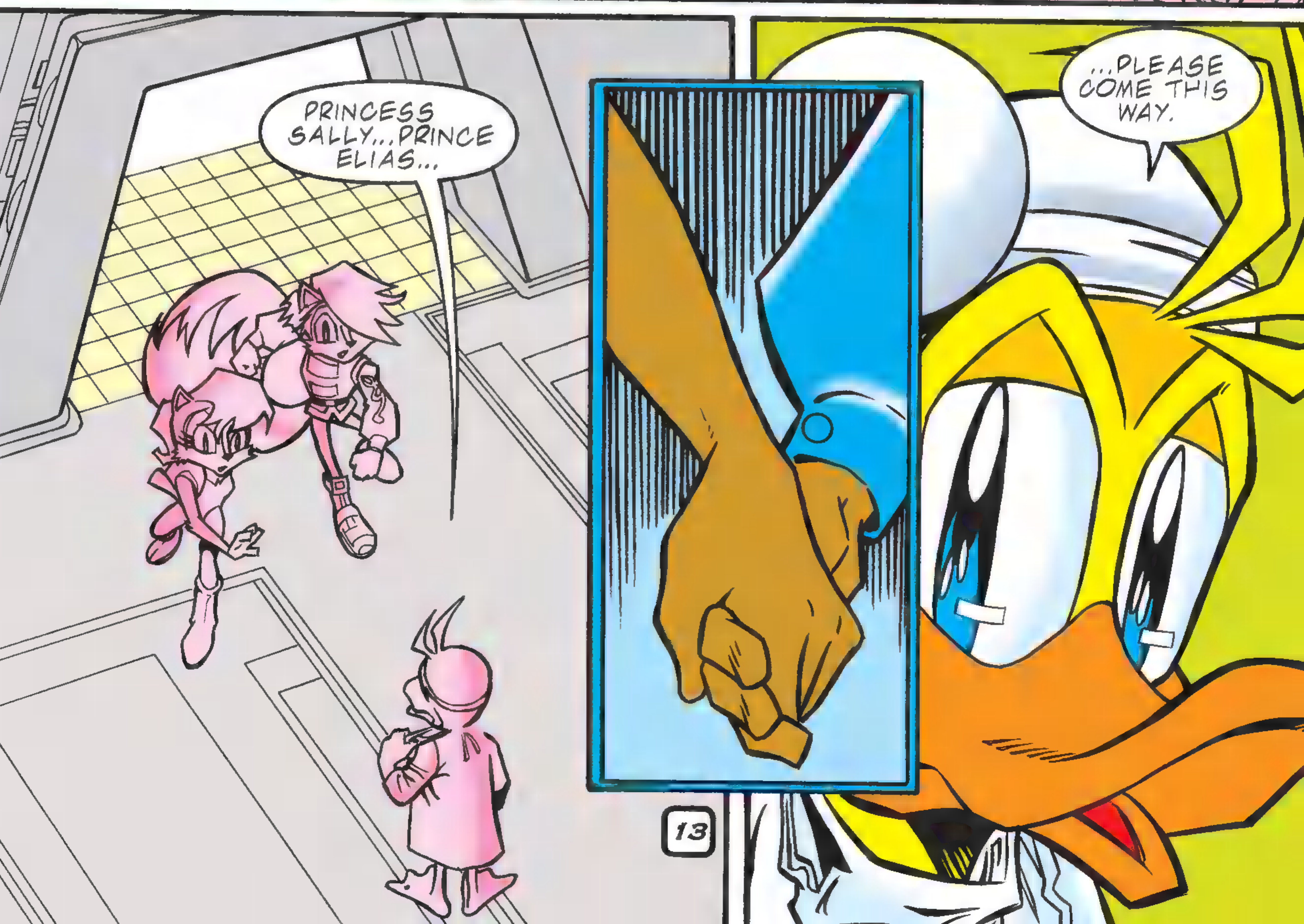
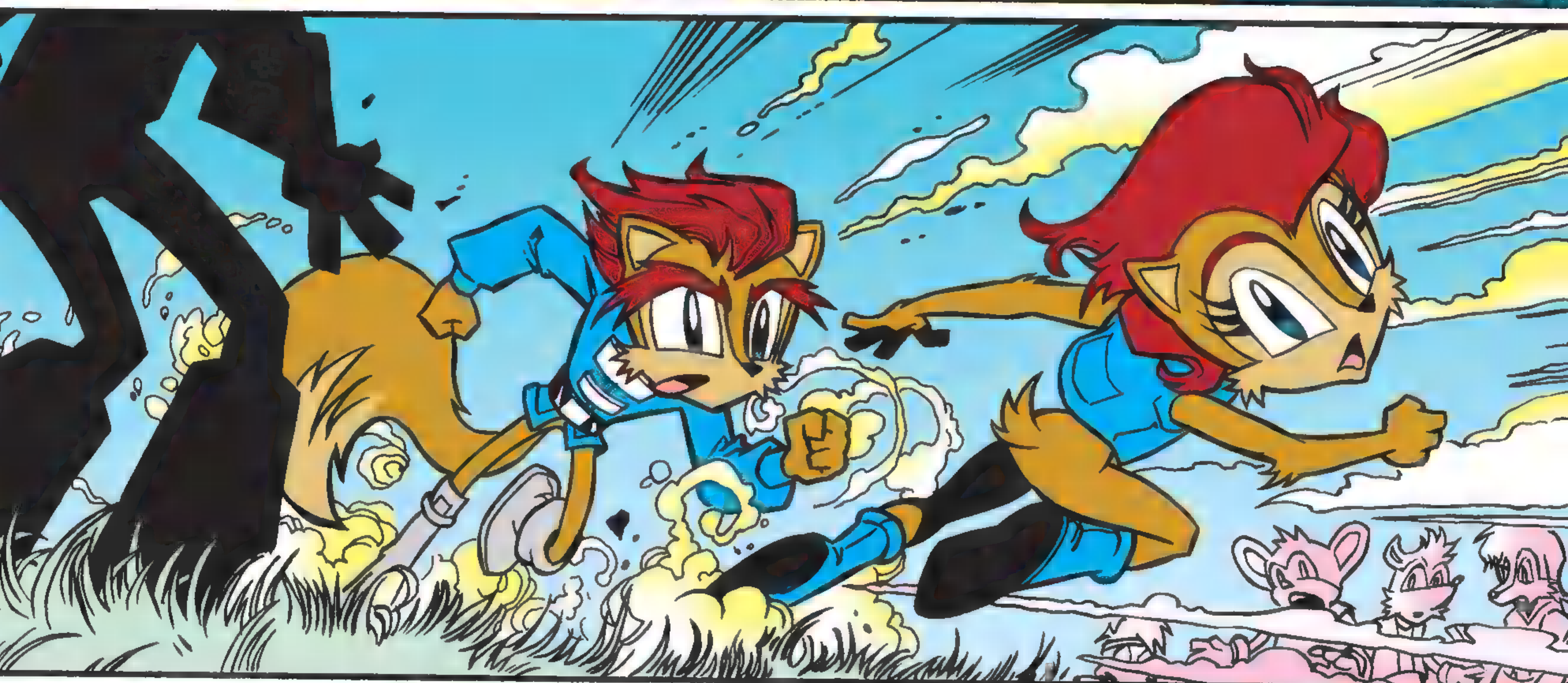
"AND THE KING'S
SWORD SOME-
HOW RESTORED
FREE WILL TO
THE HEDGE-
HOG'S UNCLE
AND PET DOG?"

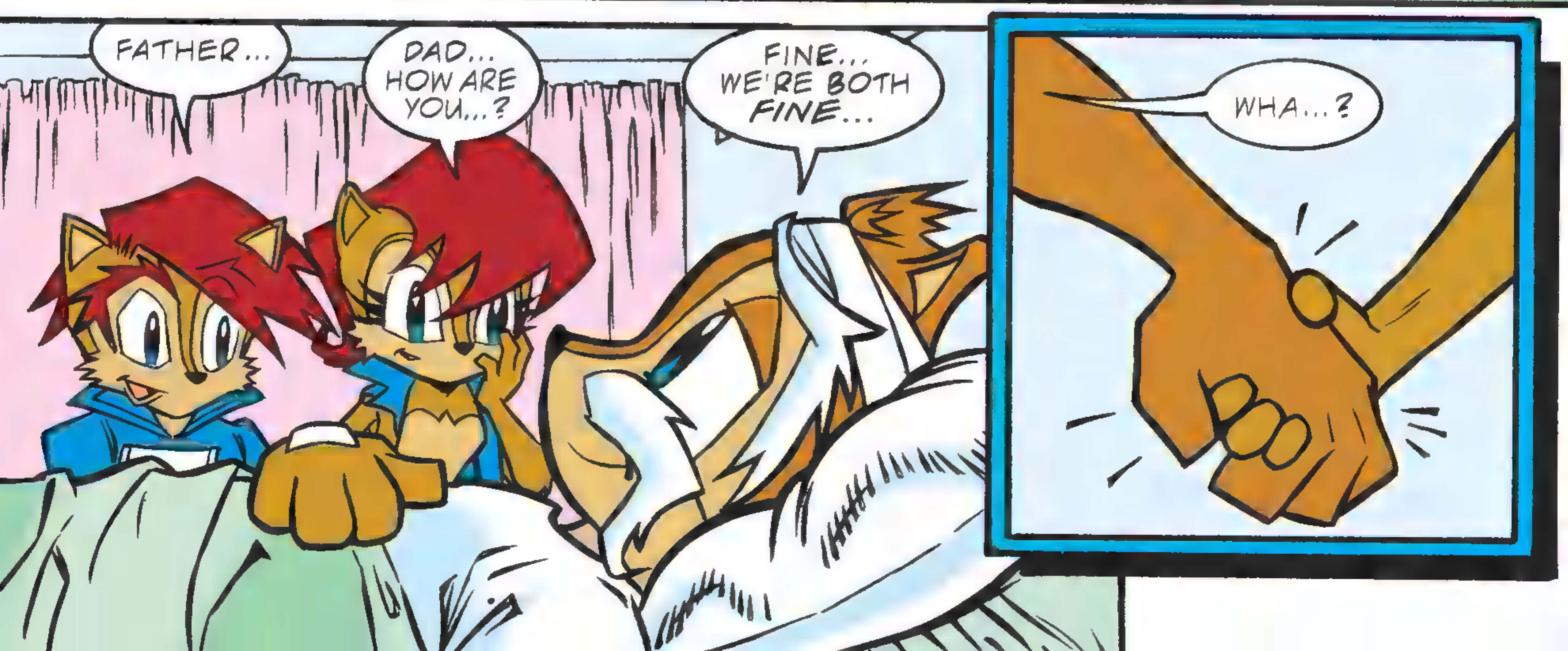
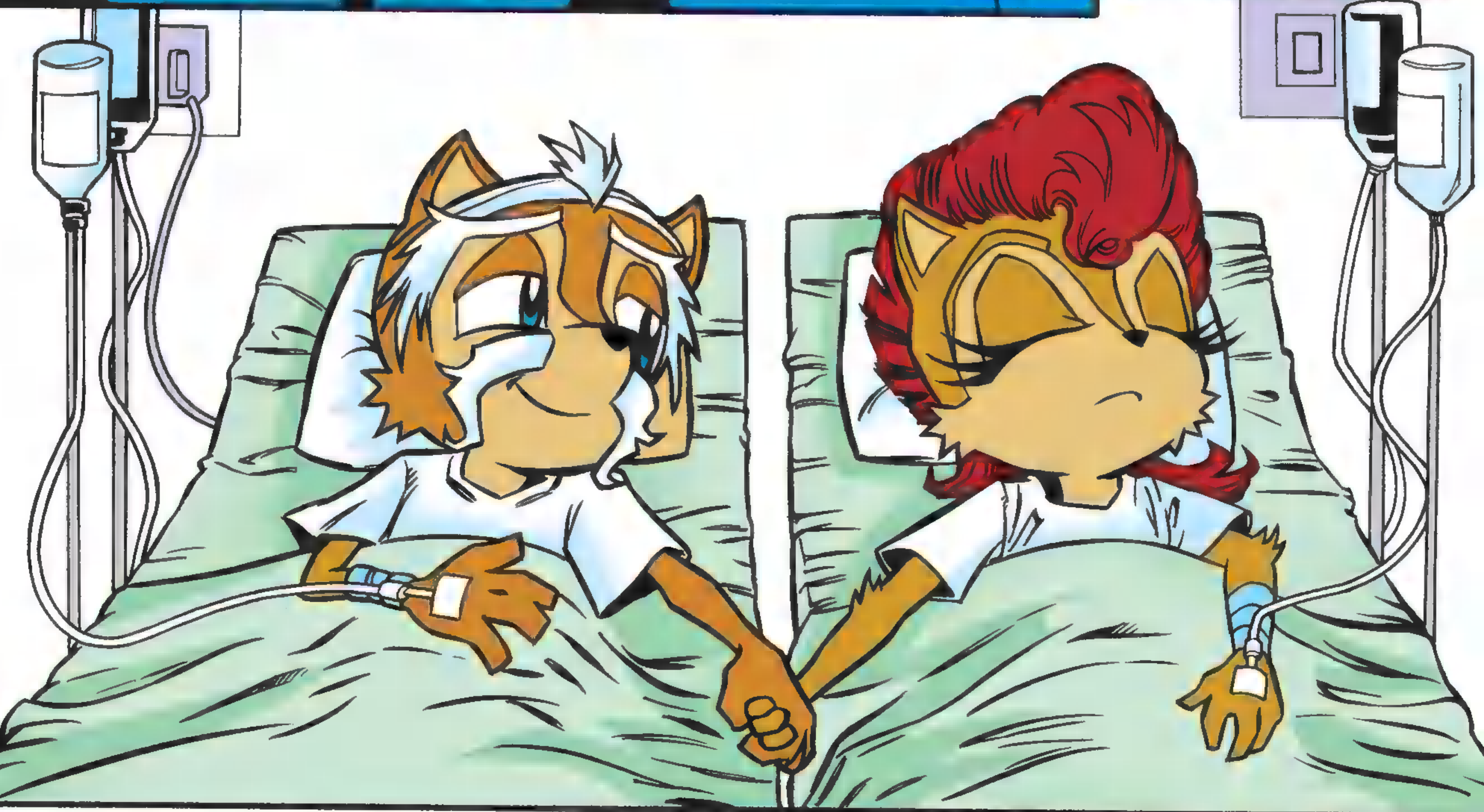
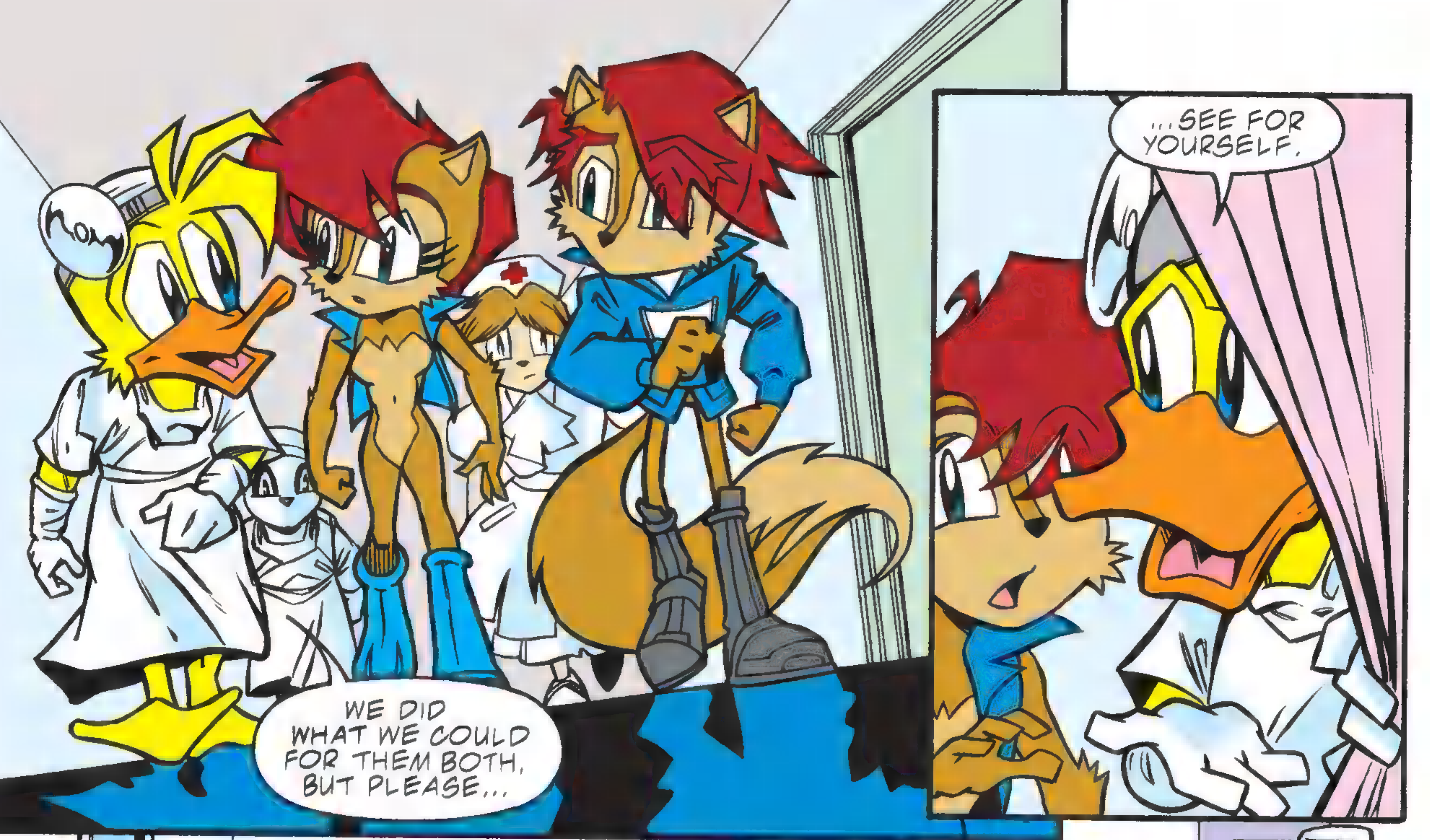
FIND ME
THAT WEAPON
AT ONCE!

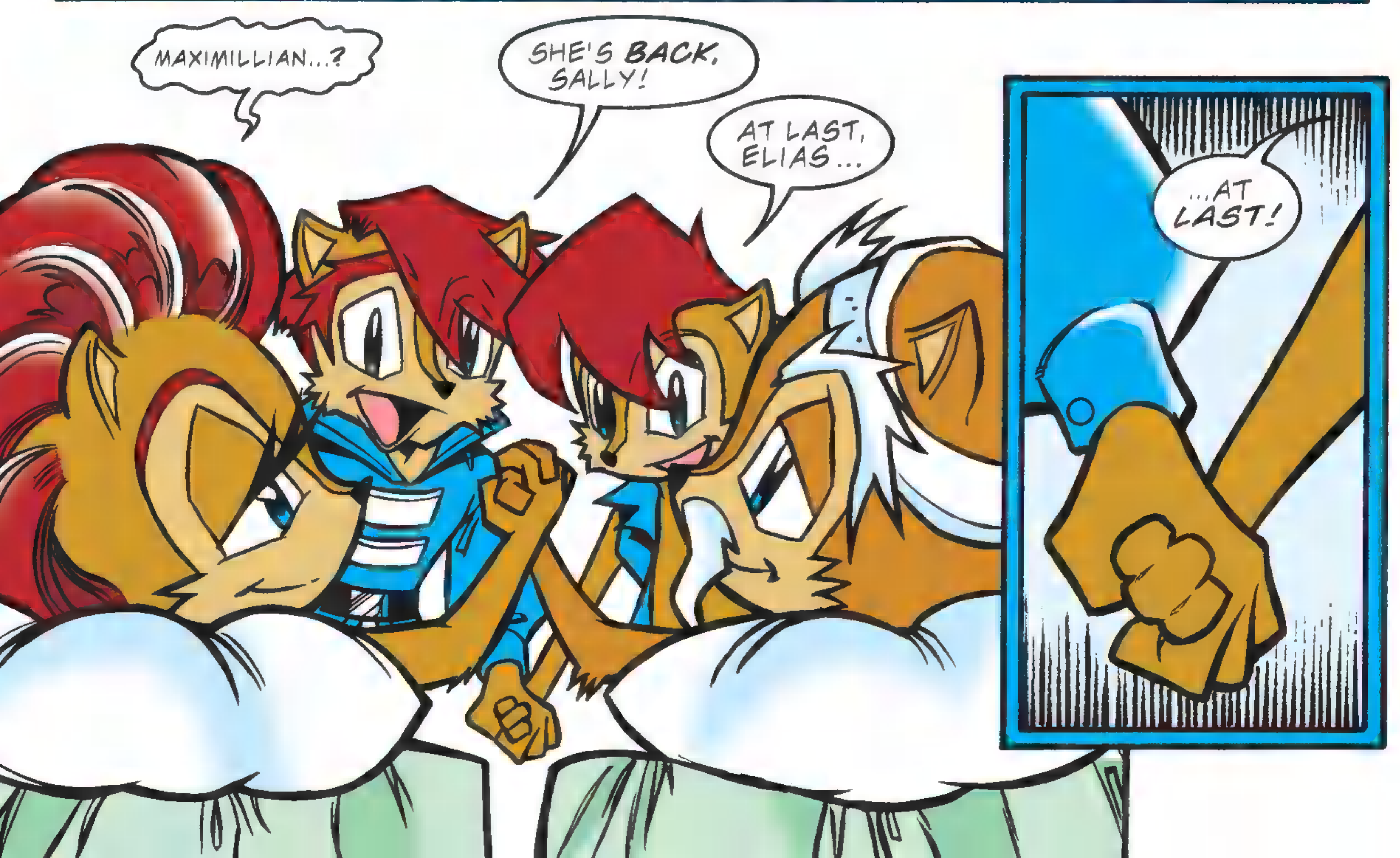
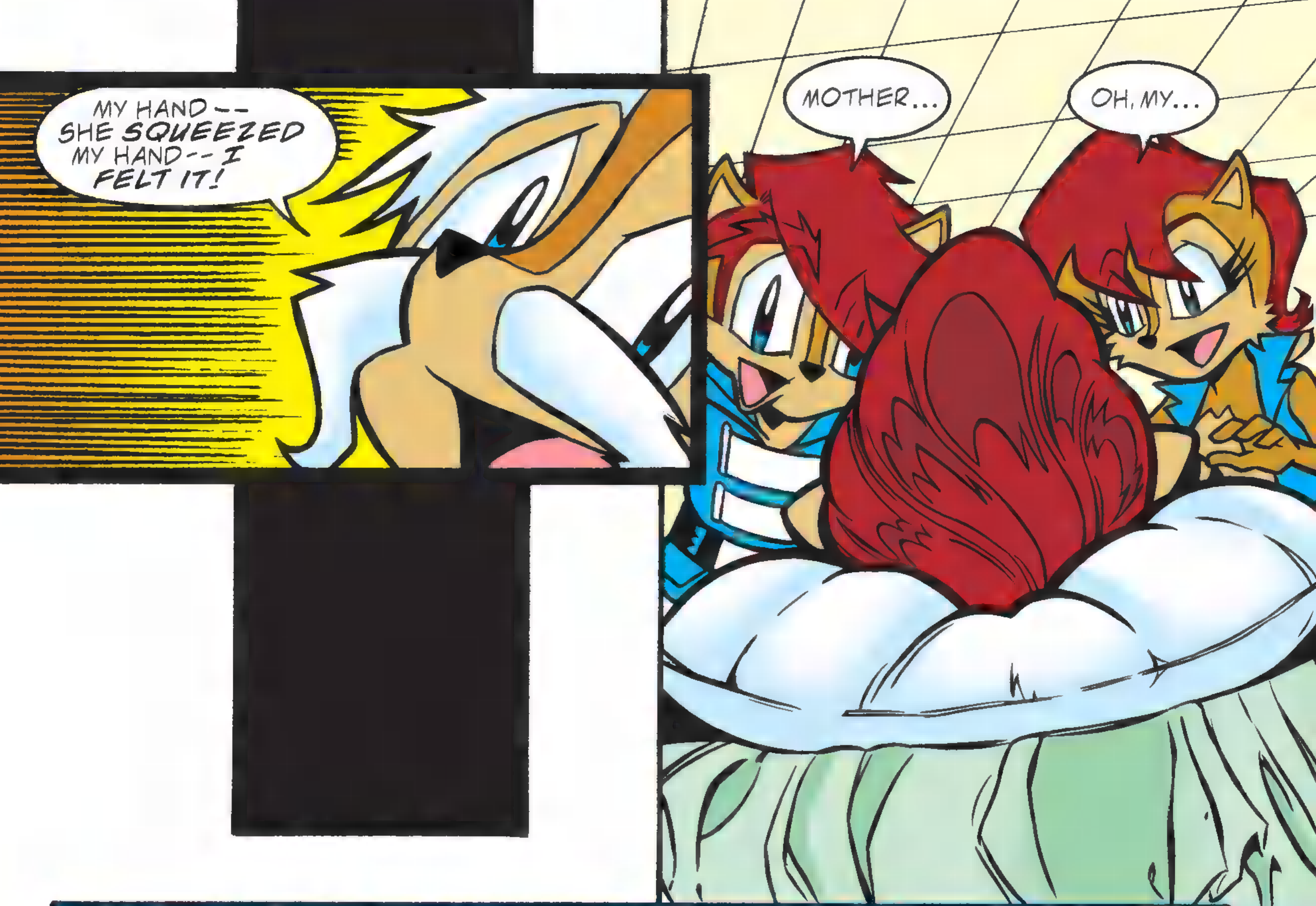














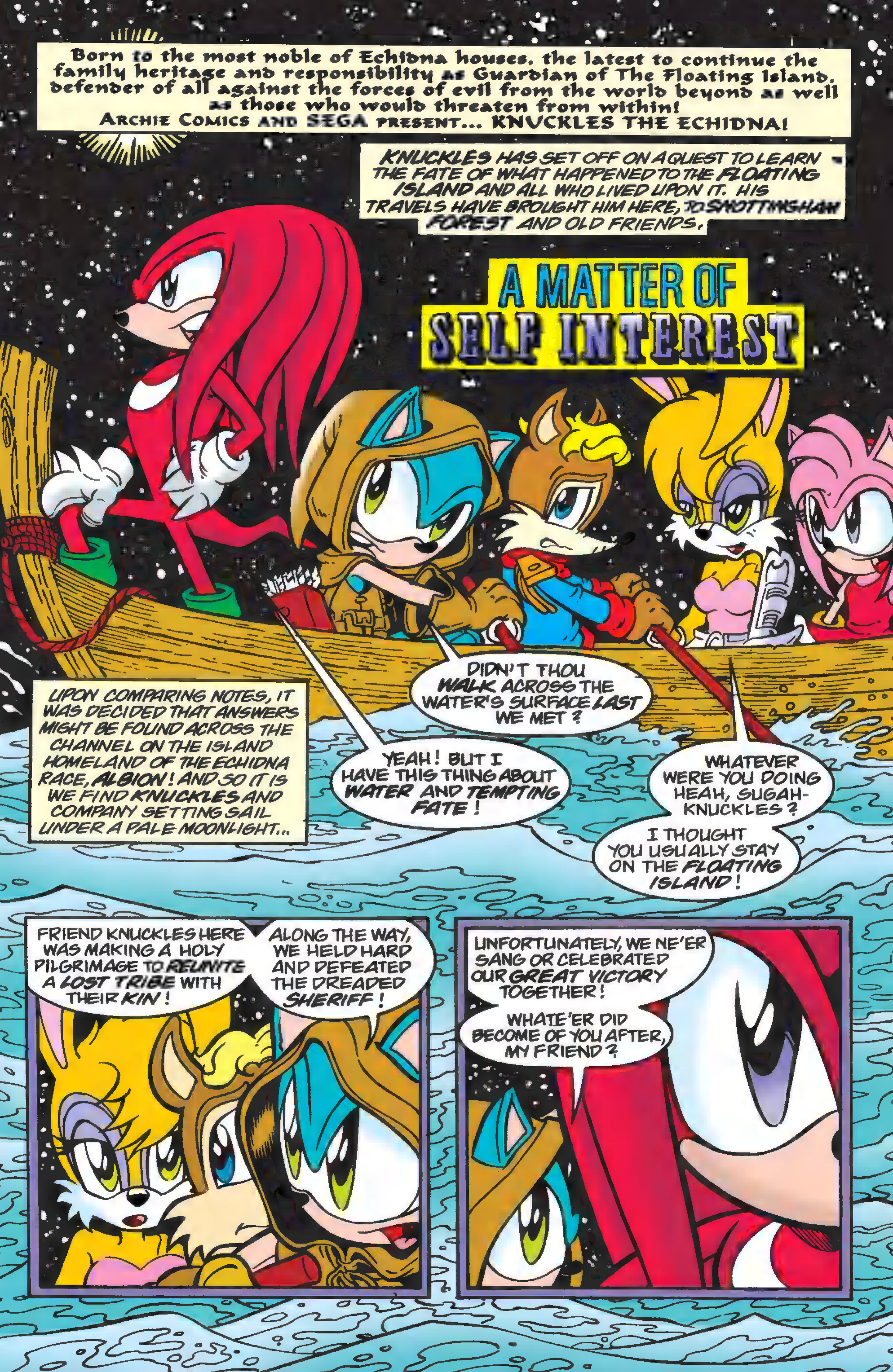
**TO BE
CONTINUED!**

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

KNUCKLES HAS SET OFF ON A QUEST TO LEARN THE FATE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND AND ALL WHO LIVED UPON IT. HIS TRAVELS HAVE BROUGHT HIM HERE, TO SPOTTINGHAM FOREST AND OLD FRIENDS,

A MATTER OF SELF INTEREST



LIPON COMPARING NOTES, IT WAS DECIDED THAT ANSWERS MIGHT BE FOUND ACROSS THE CHANNEL ON THE ISLAND HOMELAND OF THE ECHIDNA RACE, ALBION! AND SO IT IS WE FIND KNUCKLES AND COMPANY SETTING SAIL UNDER A PALE MOONLIGHT...

DIDN'T THOU WALK ACROSS THE WATER'S SURFACE LAST WE MET?

YEAH! BUT I HAVE THIS THING ABOUT WATER AND TEMPTING FATE!

WHATEVER WERE YOU DOING HEAH, SUGAH-KNUCKLES?

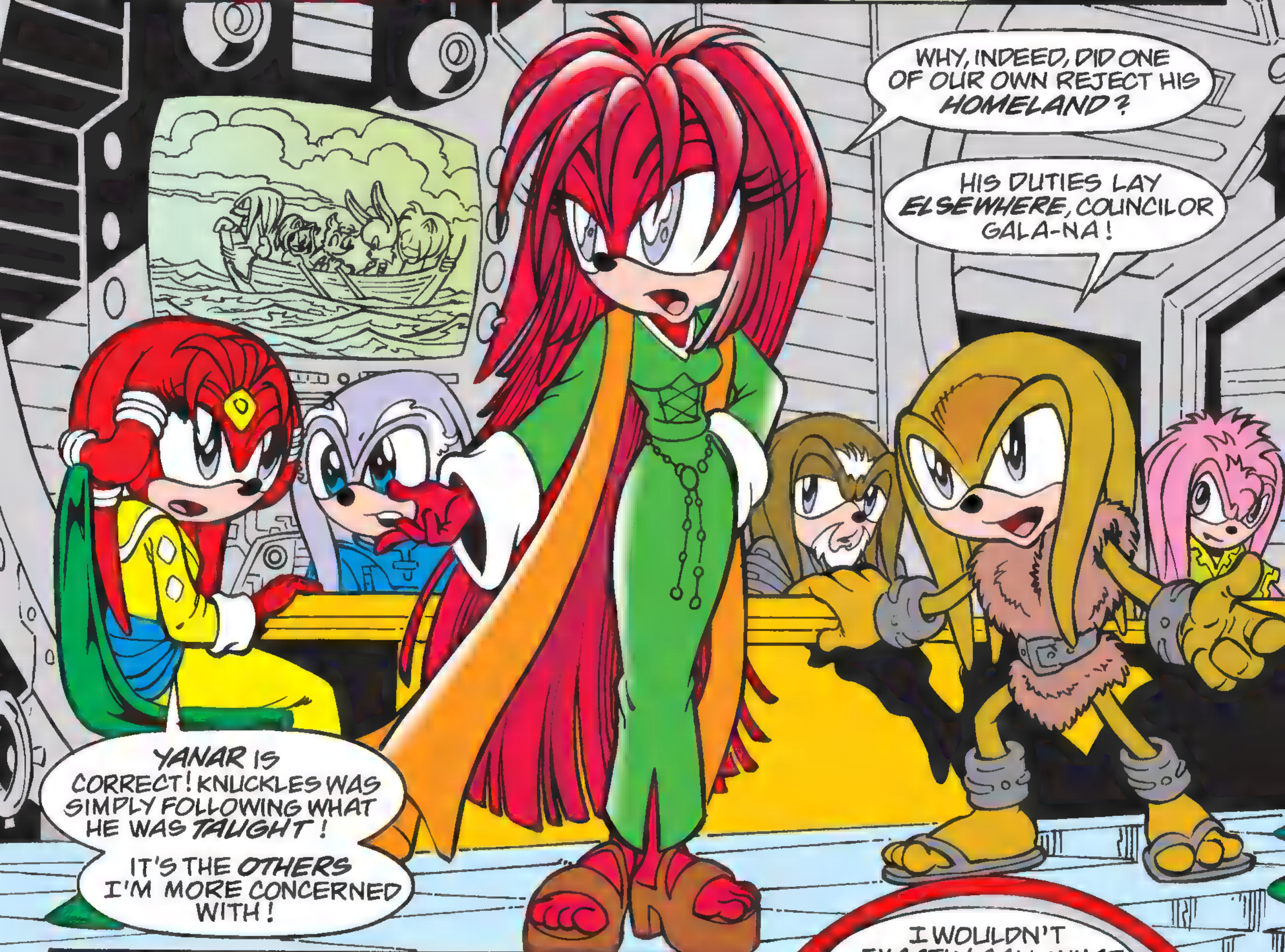
I THOUGHT YOU USUALLY STAY ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

FRIEND KNUCKLES HERE WAS MAKING A HOLY PILGRIMAGE TO REUNITE A LOST TRIBE WITH THEIR KIN!

ALONG THE WAY, WE HELD HARD AND DEFEATED THE DREADED SHERIFF!

UNFORTUNATELY, WE NE'ER SANG OR CELEBRATED OUR GREAT VICTORY TOGETHER!

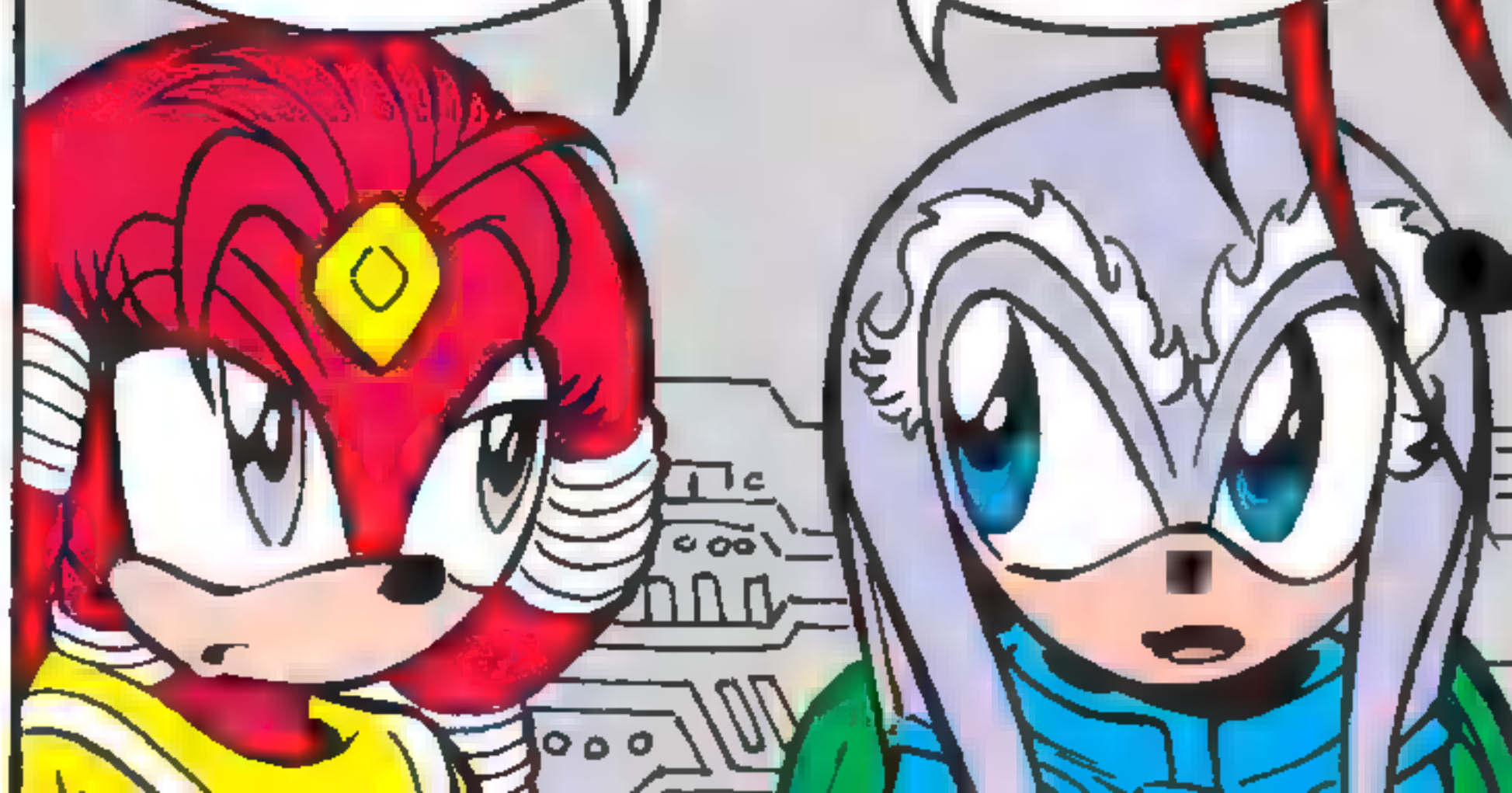
WHATE'ER DID BECOME OF YOU AFTER, MY FRIEND?



ROB O' THE HEDGE HAS ACTED AS OUR AGENT EVER SINCE THE DESPOT ROBOTNIK INSTALLED HIS LIEUTENANT WITHIN OUR SPHERE, COUNCILOR RITA-LI.

BUT NEITHER HE NOR ANY OUTSIDER HAS EVER TROD UPON OUR LAND!

UNTIL OUR RECENT GUEST, YOU MEAN!



"--THE MALE COYOTE ABOARD BEARS A CONSIDERABLE RESEMBLANCE TO HIM!"

AS WE ENGAGED IN MORTAL COMBAT, THE FLAMES THAT BURNED THROUGHOUT SEPARATED US!

MINE EYES NEVER GAZED THE SIGHT OF HIM AFTERWARDS!

SO, WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME WHATEVER BECAME OF THE SHERIFF, MON AMI?

HOLD THAT THOUGHT, ROB--

--AS WE'VE JUST REACHED SHORE!

C'MON!

AND THE SHERIFF--THERE WASN'T ANY WAY TO TELL--

--IF HE SURVIVED?

WE NE'ER CROSSED PATHS AGAIN--

--NOR HAS HE EXERTED ANY INFLUENCE O'ER MY ROBOTICIZED BAND SINCE!

MAYBE YOU GUYS WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES HE WAS A THREAT TO!

AND IF YOU HADN'T PUT HIM DOWN FOR THE COUNT--

--MAYBE
SOMEONE ELSE
DID!

I DIDN'T THINK
ANYONE KNEW I WAS
COMING!

WE KNOW
MORE THAN YOU
REALIZE!

HUH?!!
GALA-NA!!!

YOU EXCHANGE
NOTES WITH MY
RELATIVES?

WELCOME,
KNUCKLES!

IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU ONCE
AGAIN!

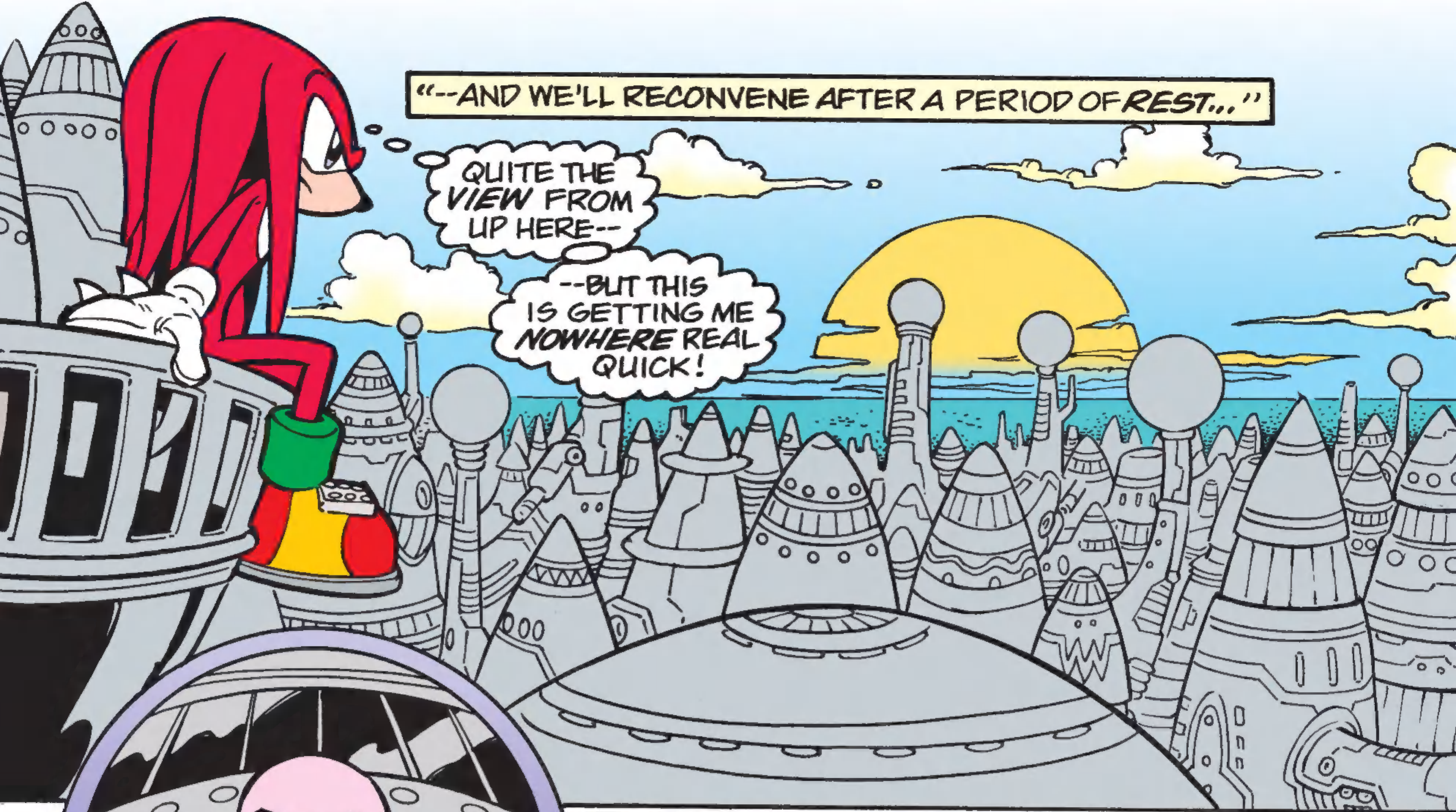
SADLY, NO. YOUR
FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN
THE MOST *INDEPENDENT*
AMONG US!

I CAN'T
BEGIN TO TELL
YOU HOW MANY
TIMES WE'VE
PLEADED FOR
THEIR RETURN
TO THE
MOTHER-
LAND!

HOWEVER, I GATHER YOU
HAVE PRESSING CONCERNS
OF MORE IMPORTANCE TO
YOU AT THIS TIME!

LIKE FINDING OUT
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE
FLOATING ISLAND!

IN TIME, KNUCKLES!
FOR NOW, ALLOW ME
TO ESCORT YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS TO A PLACE OF
HOSPITALITY--



"--AND WE'LL RECONVENE AFTER A PERIOD OF REST..."

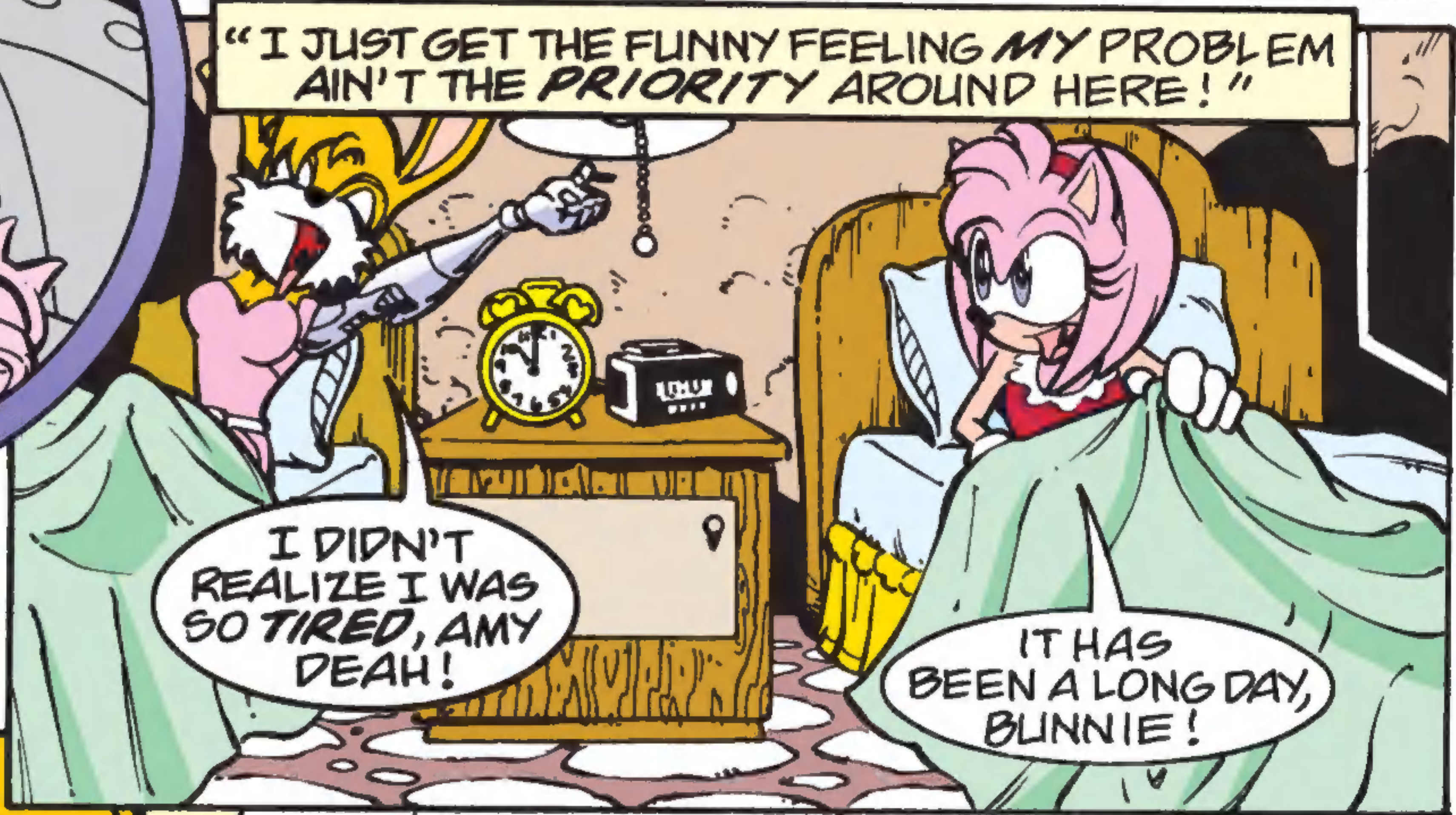
QUITE THE VIEW FROM UP HERE--

--BUT THIS IS GETTING ME NOWHERE REAL QUICK!



WHINING WON'T DO ANY GOOD!

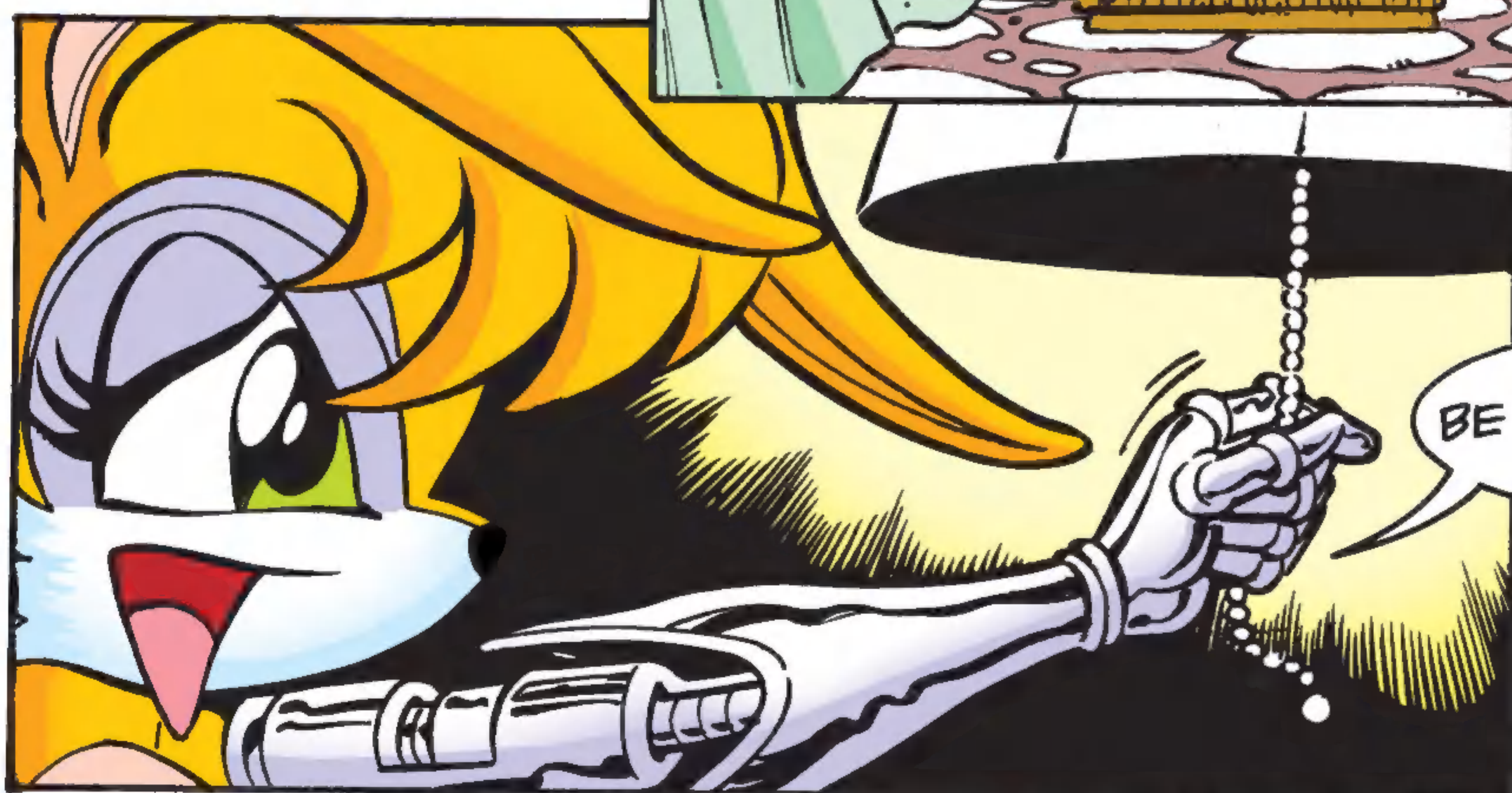
DAD WOULD JUST SAY "SUCK IT UP AND WORK TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM!"



"I JUST GET THE FUNNY FEELING MY PROBLEM AIN'T THE PRIORITY AROUND HERE!"

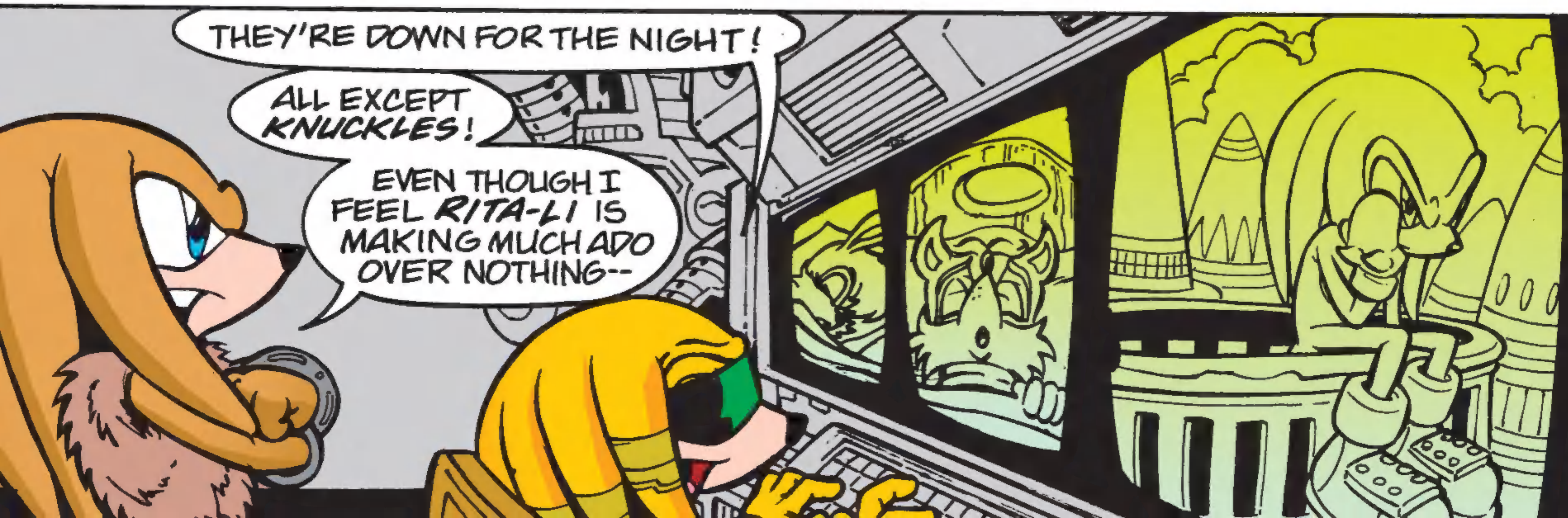
I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS SO TIRED, AMY DEAH!

IT HAS BEEN A LONG DAY, BLINNIE!



GRAB SOME SHUTEYE, HON!

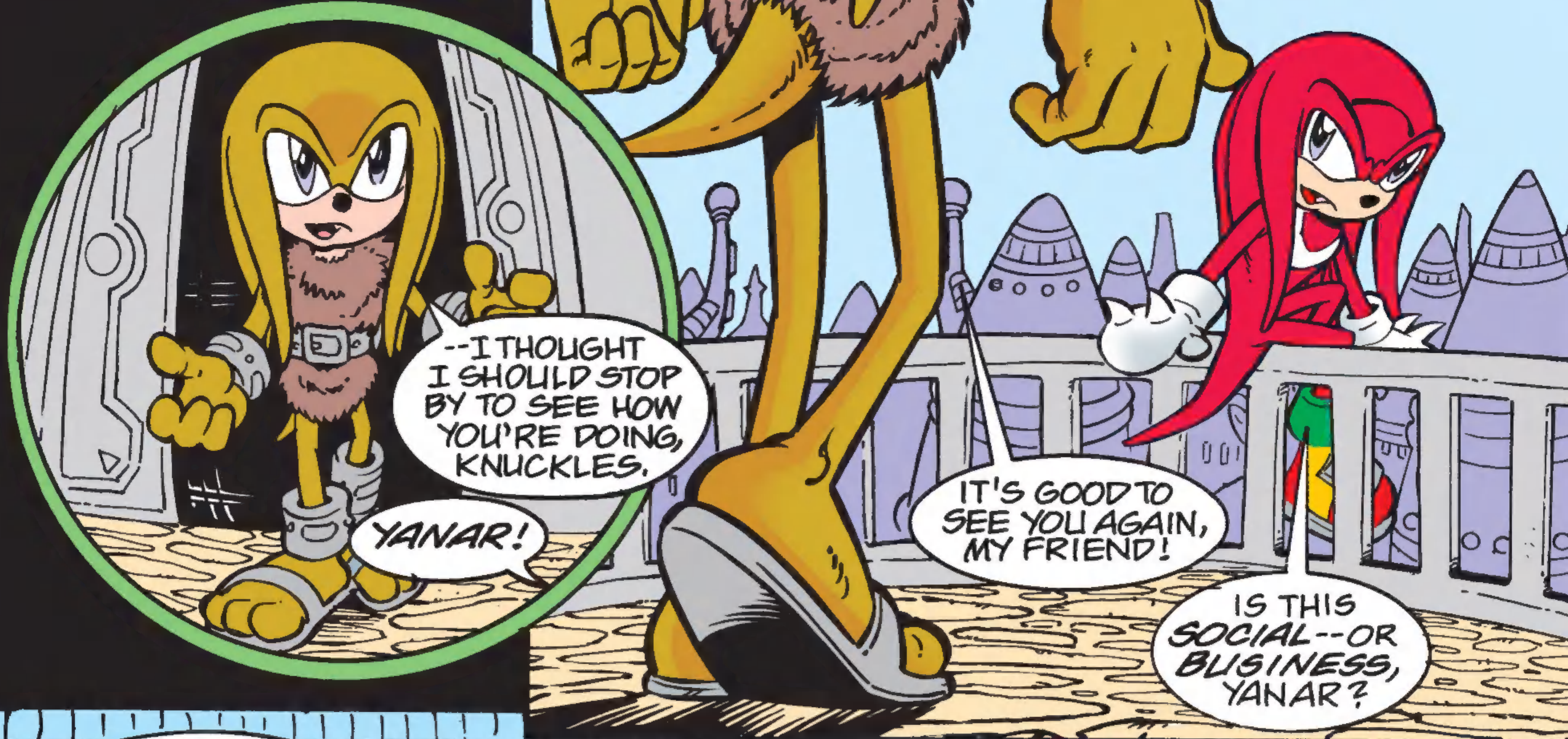
MORNING'LL BE HEAH BEFOAH YOU KNOW IT!



THEY'RE DOWN FOR THE NIGHT!

ALL EXCEPT KNUCKLES!

EVEN THOUGH I FEEL RITA-LI IS MAKING MUCH ADO OVER NOTHING--

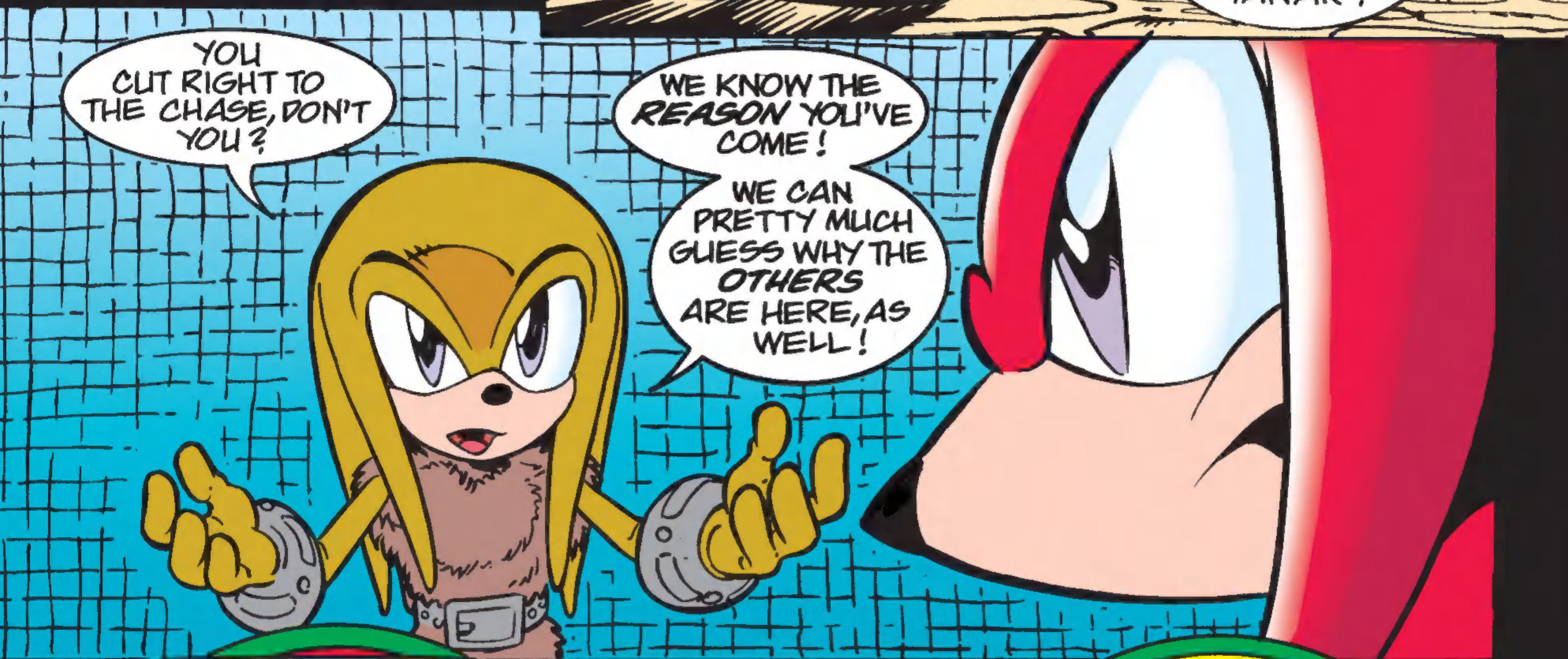


--I THOUGHT I SHOULD STOP BY TO SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING, KNUCKLES.

YANAR!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MY FRIEND!

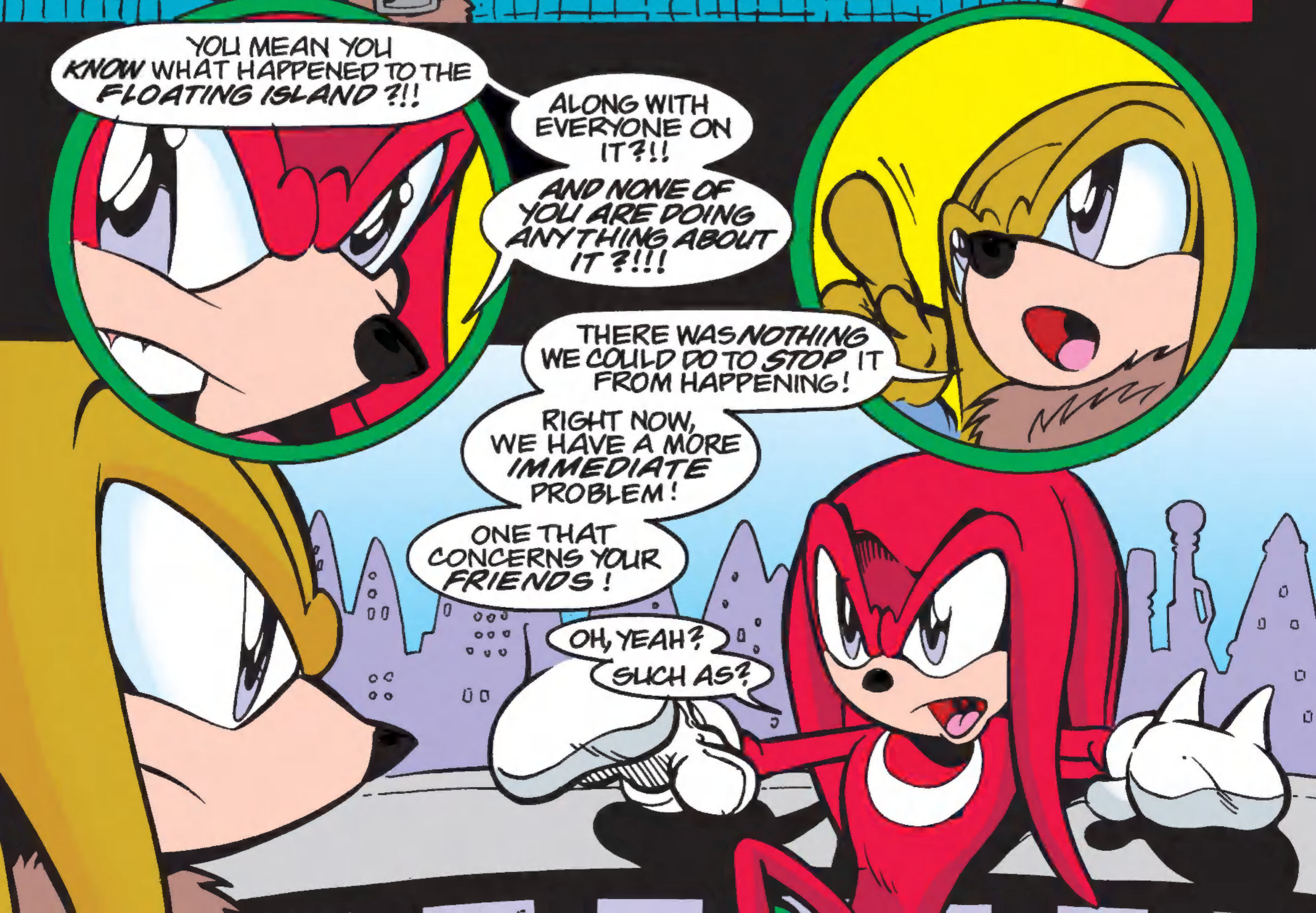
IS THIS SOCIAL--OR BUSINESS, YANAR?



YOU CUT RIGHT TO THE CHASE, DON'T YOU?

WE KNOW THE REASON YOU'VE COME!

WE CAN PRETTY MUCH GUESS WHY THE OTHERS ARE HERE, AS WELL!



YOU MEAN YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND ?!!

ALONG WITH EVERYONE ON IT ?!!

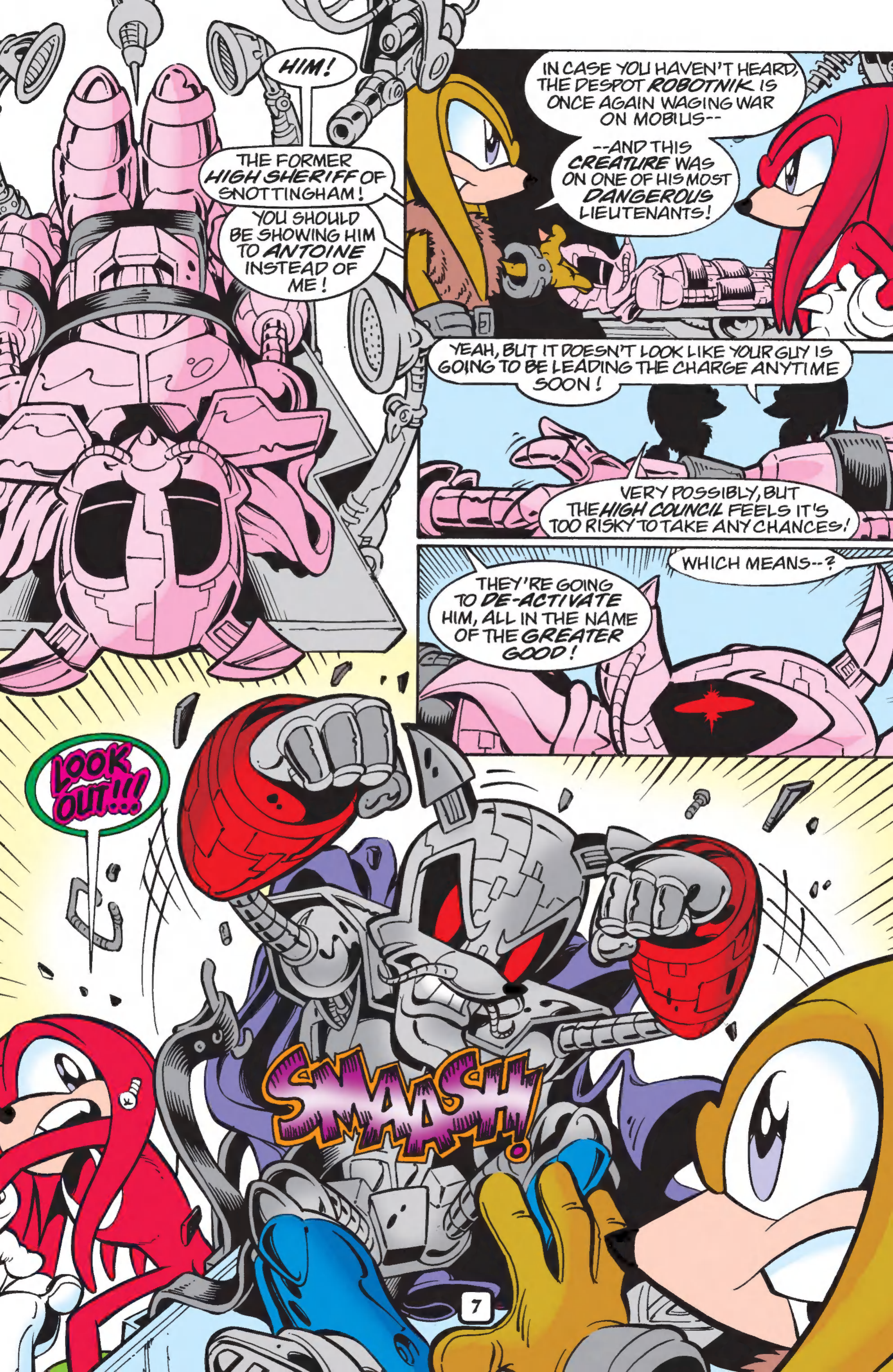
AND NONE OF YOU ARE DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT ?!!!

THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO TO STOP IT FROM HAPPENING!

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM!

ONE THAT CONCERNS YOUR FRIENDS!

OH, YEAH? SUCH AS?



HIM!

THE FORMER
HIGH SHERIFF OF
SNOTTINGHAM!

YOU SHOULD
BE SHOWING HIM
TO ANTOINE
INSTEAD OF
ME!

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD,
THE DESPOT **ROBOTNIK** IS
ONCE AGAIN WAGING WAR
ON MOBILUS--

--AND THIS
CREATURE WAS
ON ONE OF HIS MOST
DANGEROUS
LIEUTENANTS!

YEAH, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOUR GUY IS
GOING TO BE LEADING THE CHARGE ANYTIME
SOON!

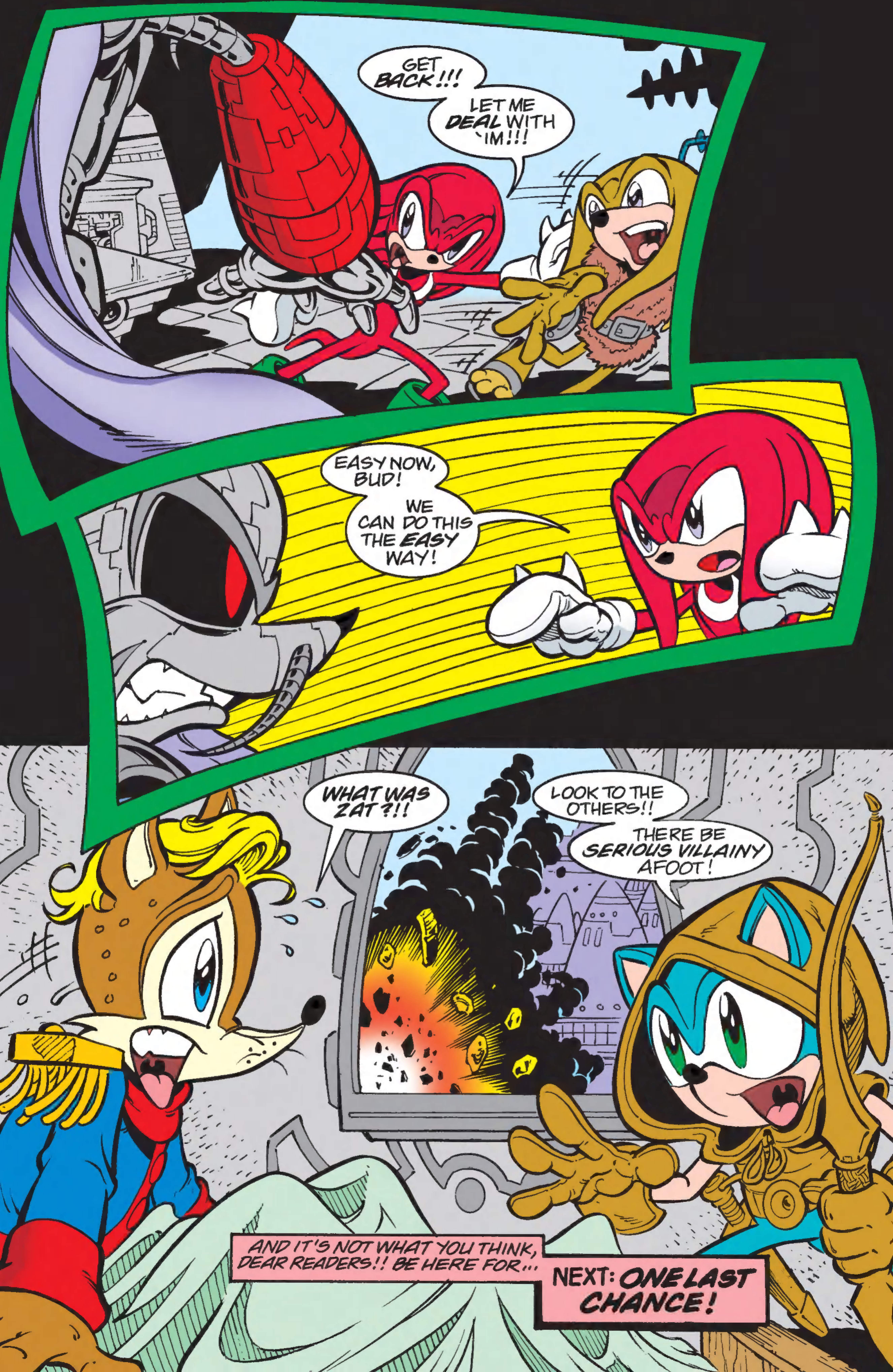
VERY POSSIBLY, BUT
THE **HIGH COUNCIL** FEELS IT'S
TOO RISKY TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!

WHICH MEANS--?

THEY'RE GOING
TO **DE-ACTIVATE**
HIM, ALL IN THE NAME
OF THE **GREATER**
GOOD!

LOOK
OUT!!!

SWASH!



GET
BACK!!!

LET ME
DEAL WITH
'IM!!!

EASY NOW,
BUD!

WE
CAN DO THIS
THE EASY
WAY!

WHAT WAS
ZAT?!?

LOOK TO THE
OTHERS!!

THERE BE
SERIOUS VILLAINY
AFOOT!

AND IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK,
DEAR READERS!! BE HERE FOR...

NEXT: ONE LAST
CHANCE!